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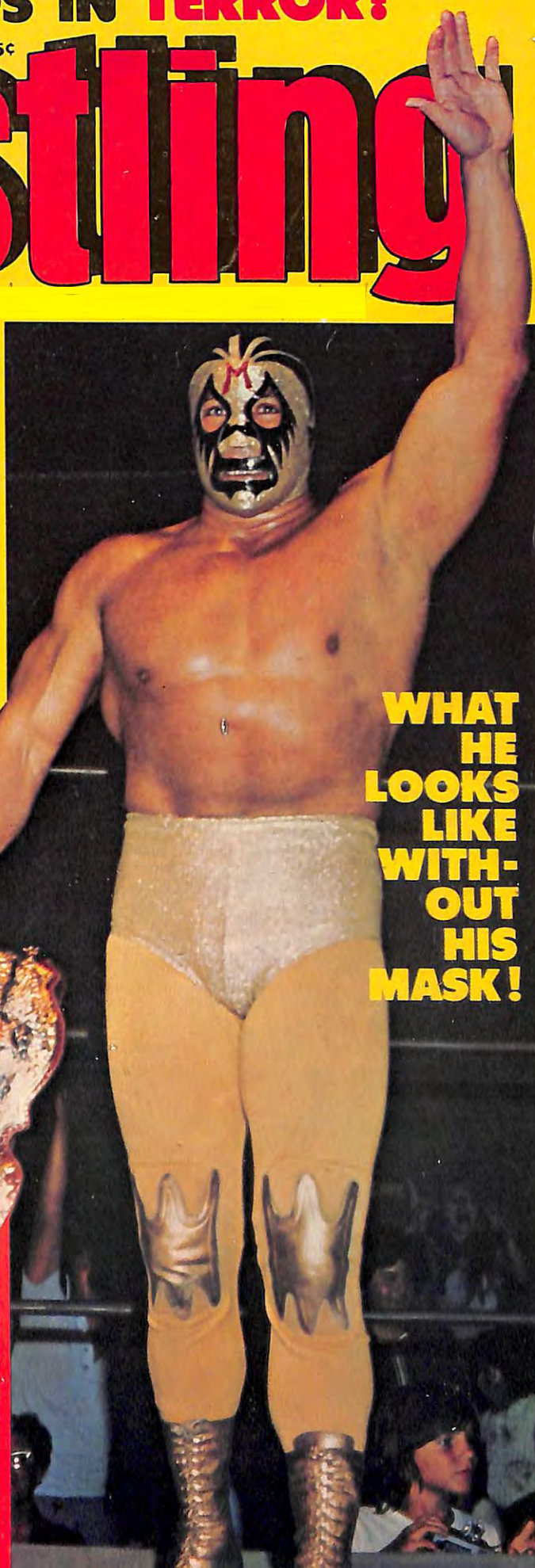
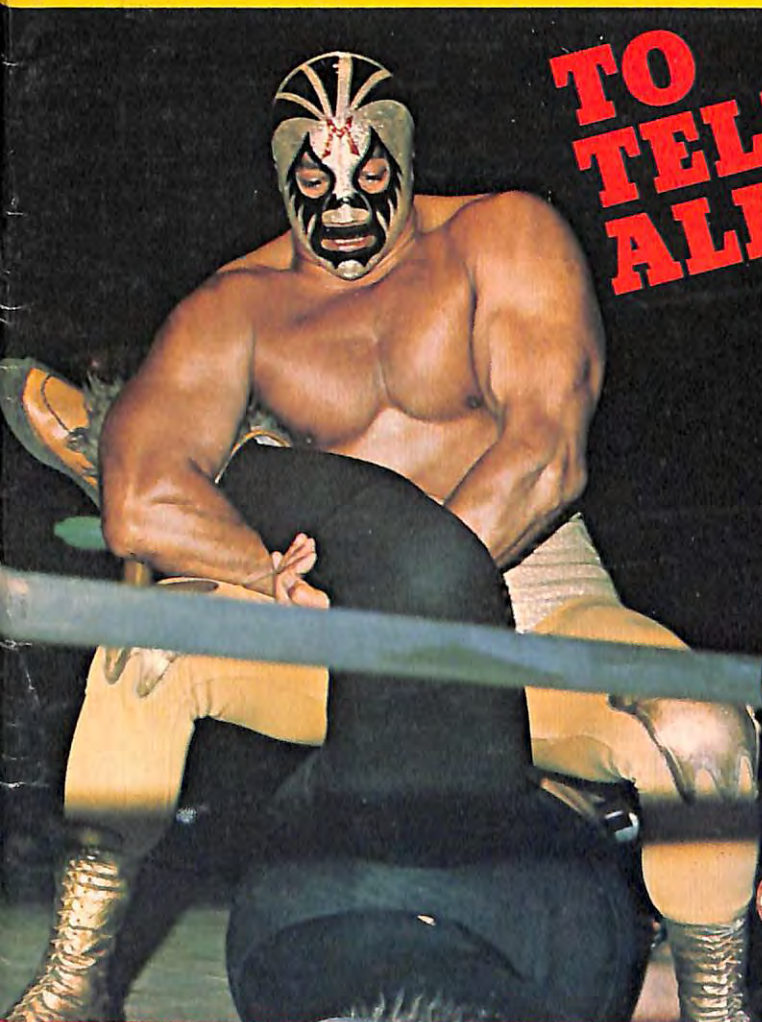
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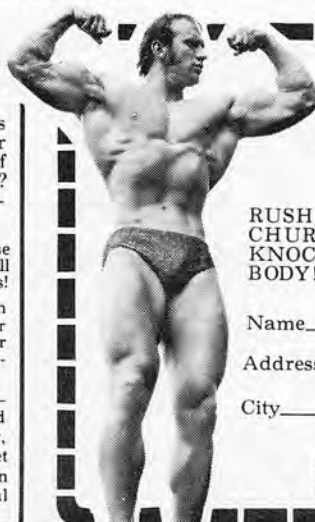
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Powerful interests would love to "Coverup" this information.

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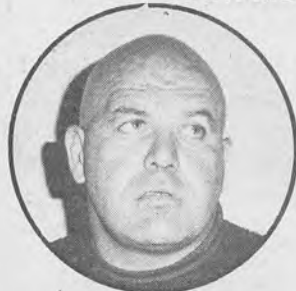
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- 2—NICK BOCKWINKLE
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- 4—DUSTY RHODES
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- 6—BARON VON RASCHKE
- 7—HORST HOFFMAN
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- 9—JIM BRUNZELL
- 10—GEOFF PORTZ

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- 7—LITTLE BRUISER
- 8—LORD LITTLEBROOK
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GEORGE STEELE



BARON VON RASCHKE

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- 4—THE SHEIK
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- 7—JOSE LOTHARIO
- 8—PEPPER GOMEZ
- 9—TERRY FUNK
- 10—DON MURACO

TAG TEAMS

- 1—DOM DENUCCI & VICTOR RIVERA
- 2—NICK BOCKWINKLE & RAY STEVENS
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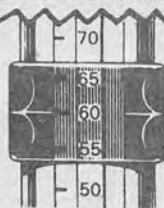
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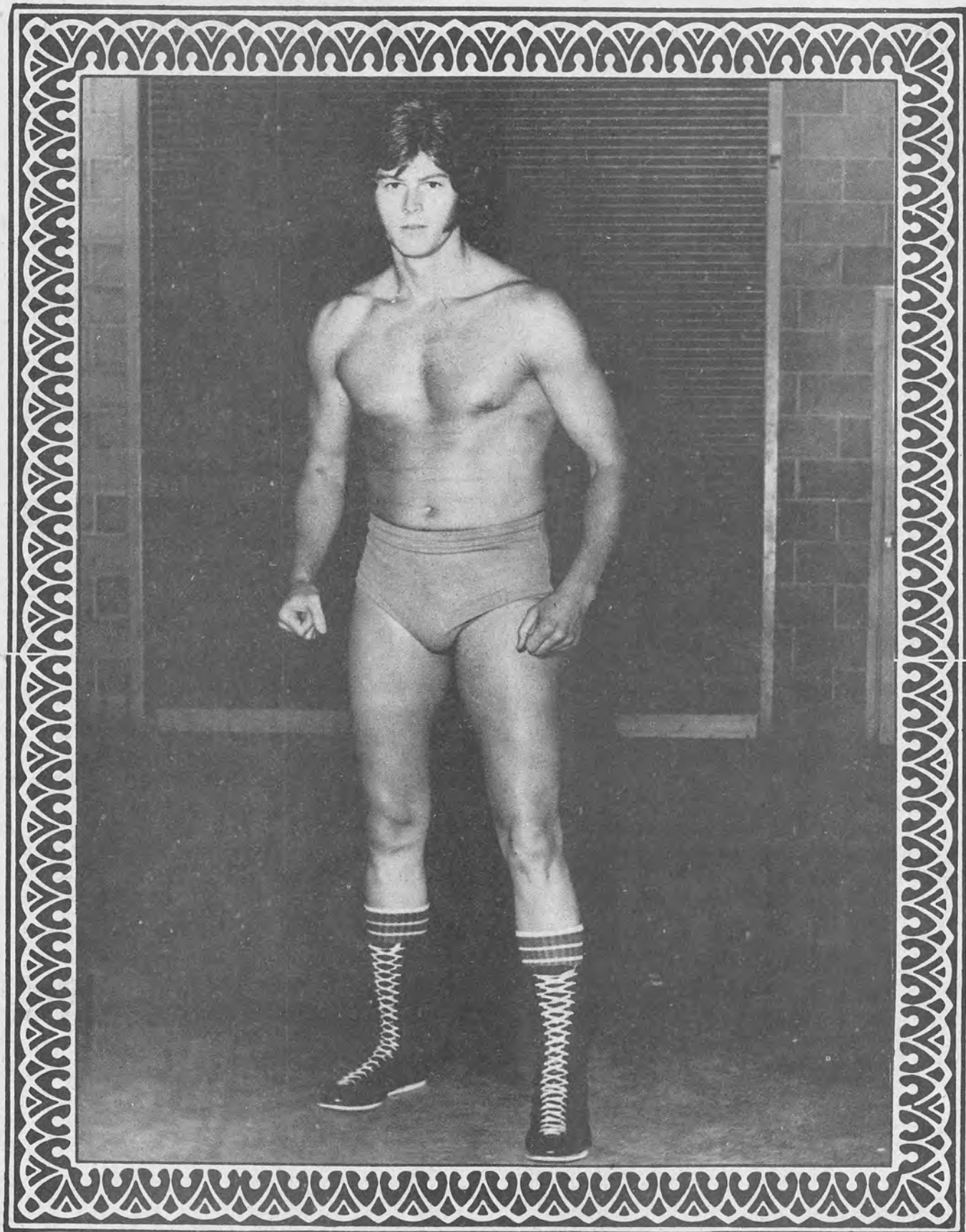
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● "You just aren't another rip-off company. You back what you say." —T Roeklein, WI.

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● "Enclosed is my money order (for a new Powerex). I know how good it is. I had one and I lost it. I am in several sports and cannot win without Powerex. It is the greatest!" —G Scott, Canada.

● "Arms increased 2½", chest 3", decreased waist 2", and gained 20 lbs. — look and feel a lot better!" —Joseph Moreno, CA.

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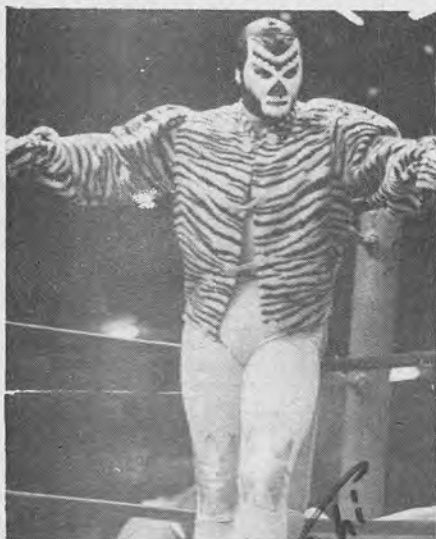
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Above: Jim Dillon is the new N.W.A. Florida television champ. Right: Bruno Sammartino has his foe, Waldo Von Erich, caught in a headlock early in their bout. Below: Mil Mascaras once again successfully defended his prestigious I.W.A. championship.



NEW YORK REPORT By Melodie Dee

BRUNO SAMMARTINO HAS grappled Waldo Von Erich many times. But that was a long time ago. Waldo's been away, touring the globe, and returned to W.W.W.F. areas meaner than ever under the guidance of manager Fred Blassie.



A match was arranged when Von Erich quickly worked his way into the number one contender position.

"I will show Sammartino I am his Lord and master!" boasted Von Erich.

Waldo made this match a memorable one. He was vicious, tearing into Bruno every which way. But the champion showed his worth by giving Waldo a beating he wasn't expecting.

After the match see-sawed for 20 minutes, Von Erich trapped Bruno in a corner. He kicked Bruno in the groin. The champion fell to his knees. Then Von Erich began kicking Bruno in the head, finally opening his flesh. Bruno was bleeding badly.

Dr. Edwin Campbell was called as the action was halted by the referee.

"If it gets any worse," Campbell told the referee, "stop the match." The cut did eventually get worse and the bout was stopped. The match was awarded to Von Erich. Bruno did retain the title, however, as you can lose it only by pin fall or submission.

In other action, Victor Rivera pounded Greg Valentine. Chief Strongbow drew with Jimmy Valiant

... Spiros Arion clobbered Tony Garea. . . John Valiant lost to Dom DeNucci.

FLORIDA ACTION

By T.G. Nathan

Harley Race and Roger Kirby have taken the Florida tag team title from the popular team of Dick Slater and Johnny Weaver.

"We were so sure we'd win the title," Kirby bragged, "that we vowed to leave Florida forever if we lost. As you can see we're still here!"

Mil Mascaras successfully defended his I.W.A. title in Miami. Also on the card was an exciting bloodbath between Bulldog Brower and Mighty Igor. Igor went berserk when the referee stopped the match because Igor was bleeding too heavily. The Polish sensation proceeded to beat up the referee and the announcer and demanded Brower's return to the ring. But Bulldog refused.

Jim Dillon is the new N.W.A. Florida television champion by virtue of a match he copped over Mike Graham.

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James Chase tells us...

**"I hate to exercise
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Waist: 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.**

**Weight: 205 lbs.
Waist: 37 in.**

20 percent food reduction) making you look years younger as you slim. Within the first "5" minutes you use the exerciser, you start burning off fat, speeding up your metabolism to help burn up stored calories, releasing excess water. Helps curb your appetite without suppressants. Increases energy and well being. It's so simple and enjoyable a plan to follow, we guarantee you can stay with it remaining slim without re-gaining those inches and pounds. It can put an end to your "gain-and-loss-cycles".

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M. F.	32 lbs.	6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.	(24 days)
W. E.	15 lbs.	3 in.	(14 days)
M. B.	22 lbs.	6 in.	(21 days)
C. J.	10 lbs.	6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.	(14 days)
P. O.	10 lbs.	6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.	(14 days)
J. C.	10 lbs.	5 in.	(14 days)

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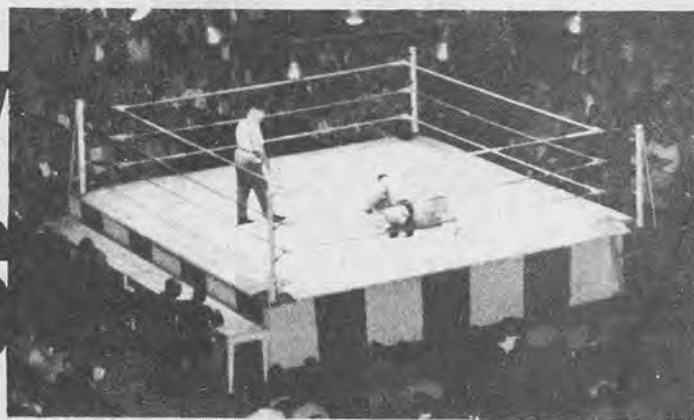
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THRILLS OF THRILLS

Reading "What Brought The Outlaws Together Again? (THE WRESTLER/July 1975) was almost as enjoyable as watching Dusty Rhodes and Dick Murdoch together again. And that was the biggest thrill I had in years!

I'd remembered the Outlaws from years ago and knew them to be the best. It was fantastic to see them prove it again. Unless my old memory is playing tricks on me, I'd say they are better than ever!

I could go on and on for pages about how good they are. But you people

it during a party.

If you think your two were wild, you should of seen my girlfriend, Susan, go after this girl Iris. The two of them were in bikinis at this beach party. No one knew quite how it started, but once it did, none of the guys there wanted it to stop!

It was the most exciting wrestling I've ever seen! The two girls scratched, kicked, and punched as if to kill the other. They must have gone on for 20 minutes! Apartment house wrestling fans would have loved the photos!

STAN FARRELL
Cape Cod, Mass.

wrestling. No one gets the better of Ivan!

A lot of girls fall for th glamorous wrestlers like Billy "Superstar" Graham. For me, I'll worship Ivan for the rest of my life. He's kind, cute, and courageous. What more can a girl ask for?

MELISSA GALLAS
Utica, N.Y.

HARLEY'S HIS HERO

It's about time someone asked "Did They Write Harley Race Off Too Soon?" (THE WRESTLER, July 1975). And the answer is *you bet your sweet life they did!*

Harley's got all physical equipment to be the greatest champ in wrestling history. And he's got a heart the size of a basketball. He doesn't know what "quit" means!

A lot of people badmouth Harley for his roughhouse tactics. They're the same kind of people who think being a good loser is more important than winning. Well, Harley knows nothing is more important than winning!

Harley will again be the N.W.A. champion. And this time, no lucky breaks by Brisco or anyone else will take it away from him!

SAM TAKAH
Wichita, Kan.



Fans of Harley Race (above left) write to say the time is near for their hero to regain his N.W.A. belt. Fans of Maria Laverne (above right) are unhappy Maria is going to wrestle less in the future.

already did it a hundred times better than I could!

RICK JANEY
Amarillo, Tex.

NIGHT TO REMEMBER

After reading, "The Night My Girlfriend Became An Apartment House Wrestler!" (INSIDE WRESTLING/July 1975), I could have kicked myself! I should have taken some photos when my girlfriend and this other girl went at

PUTSKI POWER

My favorite wrestler is Ivan Putski. That's why I really loved "Polish Power Tames A Wolfman . . . And Captures 26,000 Hearts" (INSIDE WRESTLING/July 1975).

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SAD FAREWELL

I'm sure I'm just one of thousands of guys who are sorry to see Maria Laverne devote more time to her rodeo work and less time as a professional wrestler ("The Maria Laverne You Don't Know" [THE WRESTLER/July 1975]).

I've traveled all over the great state of Texas to see Maria wrestle. To me, she's the most exciting woman who's ever stepped into the ring! News that she's tapering off her wrestling really broke my heart.

However, that's her decision. She will be remembered by me as the
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HOW TO START A FAN CLUB

We've been asked so often about the proper way to start a fan club we thought we'd combine the most frequently-asked questions and answer them all. Just follow this guide and the rest should be easy.

Q **C**AN ANYONE JUST go ahead and start a fan club for a wrestler or are there certain procedures that must be followed?

A *There are no rules governing the ways to start a fan club except one. You must have the wrestler's permission—for your own protection as well as for his. This permission must be in writing.*

Q How can I get hold of him to get his permission?

A *Occasionally, a wrestler will grant you an interview after a match, but don't count on it because they have planes to catch and very busy schedules. The safest way is to write a letter addressed to the wrestler in care of the promoter of the particular arena he's wrestling in. Chances are the wrestler will contact you and give you his permission. Make sure you have your return address on the letter so he can answer you.*

Q Then what happens?

A *After you've received written permission you're on your own. Now's the time to plan your course of action; how many members you want to have, what kind of newsletter or bulletin you want to publish, what your dues will be... things like that.*

Q Is this something I should do on my own?

A *No. It's always better to have someone working with you. Handling a fan club is a time-consuming business. If you are to be the president, it is strongly suggested that an-*

other fan who has expressed interest in the club be appointed vice president. Also needed is a secretary, treasurer and newsletter editor—unless you want to do that yourself. It is among these people that the decisions should be discussed.

Q Once that is taken care of, how do I advertise my club and get others to join?

A *Very simple. Both INSIDE WRESTLING and THE WRESTLER have outlets for this. By sending us a copy of your permission slip and full fan club details, your club will be listed in the "FAN CLUB CORNER." You'll be reaching the biggest audience of wrestling fans in the world. Another way to get local support is to pass out circulars at the matches themselves to notify fans of your existence.*

Q If we run into a problem, should we ask the wrestler's advice about running the club?

A *Absolutely not! Wrestlers are extremely busy and don't have time to spare for that. Wrestlers should be contacted only if you need pictures or an interview for the fan club bulletin. If you make a pest of yourself the wrestler might ask you to discontinue the club.*

Q What should the bulletin or newsletter contain?

A *It should contain things pertinent only to the wrestler's career and to wrestling in general. Steer clear from publishing anything you may know about his personal life*



President of the Fred Blassie Fan Club, John Arezzi, has won many honors for the fine job he's done running the top club.

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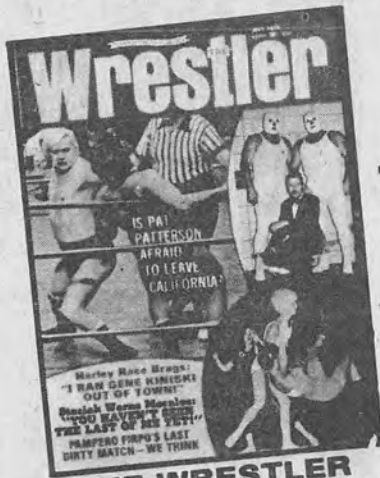
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What strange turn of events would make two unpopular men such as Bearcat Wright and the Mongolian Stomper turn to the fans for support?

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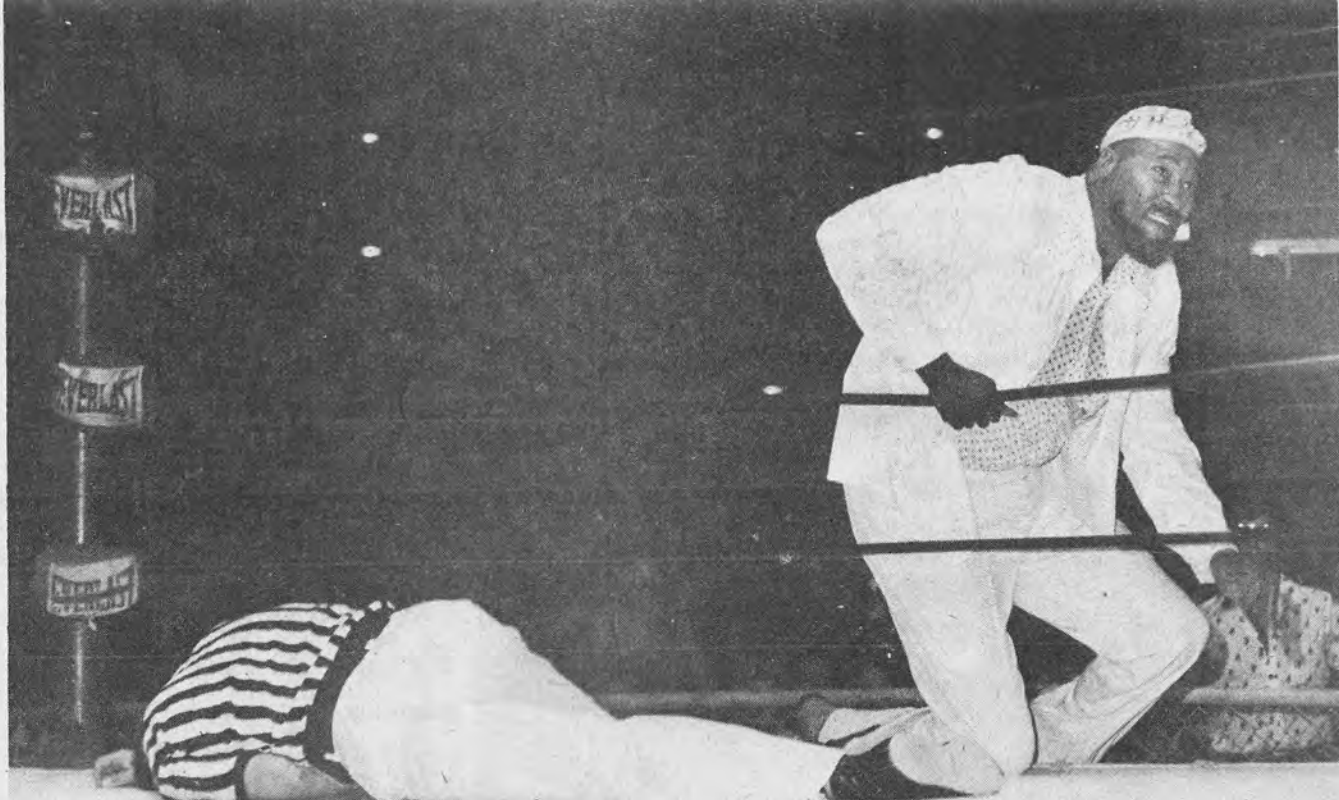
BEARCAT WRIGHT'S PLEA: "ONLY CAN

Bearcat Wright makes a direct appeal to the fans to save his and Mongolian Stomper's careers.

BEARCAT WRIGHT has always considered fans as sort of a necessary evil. He'd much rather they disappear, but realizes they're important to his line of work. On more than one occasion he's expressed the sentiment that fans are little more than a pain in the rear end.

Wright, however, now finds himself in the unusual situation in which the very fans he dislikes may be his only salvation. Bearcat is being forced to swallow his pride in order to help save his professional career as well as that of the man he manages, the Mongolian Stomper.

"I'm asking the fans," Wright says slowly, "to write **INSIDE WRESTLING** and say they're against the unfair conspiracy being directed towards me and Stomper. These letters



YOU--THE FANS-- SAVE US NOW!"

will go to Sam Muchnick of the N.W.A. It'll let him know the fans are wise to him. He and Brisco can't ride roughshod over whomever they want!

"Muchnick is out to protect Brisco, who was defeated by Mongolian Stomper, pinned before thousands of fans. I never thought those guys would be so dishonest as to steal Stomper's title after it was legally awarded to him.

"But steal it they did. Making up some stupid decision, they gave the title back to Brisco. It was wrestling's most despicable moment. However, it would get a lot worse.

"All of a sudden, it was decided that all of Stomper's matches would become loser-leave-town bouts. However, none of the guys he beat ever had to leave town! I was shocked, but not for the last time. In one match, another loser-leave-town affair, the referee practically gave the match to Stomper's opponent! I tried to argue but no one would listen.

"Naturally, Stomper was forced to leave town—the state of Florida, in fact. He can still work in other states, but I'm scared that won't last either. For daring to be better than Jack Brisco, they're going to drive Mongolian Stomper out of wrestling! And they plan to send *me* with him!

"I've started to wrestle again, only to find everyone's against me, also. They're determined to punish me for being the brains behind the man who engineered the defeat of Jack Brisco.

"I may never be able to wrestle again. They want me out because they know I'm not afraid of them. I stand there ready to take the title from their handpicked boy. And only the fans can stop them from destroying all the competition in their sport."

Bearcat stops raging for a moment and sits quietly, staring into space for some time before murmuring, "Who would have thought all this misery would come from the happiest

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After the referee is knocked unconscious in a freak accident (top), Wright leaps into the ring and grabs Brisco (below), allowing Stomper to hurt Jack.



SITTING BY THE ring apron, Rock Hunter studied the battle warily. Andre the Giant had slowly but surely gained control of his match against Abdullah the Butcher. It was just for this possibility that Hunter was there.

Rock, a ruthless manager is known for interfering when his wrestler, Professor Toru Tanaka, gets into trouble. When Andre started to

dominate the battle against Abdullah, Hunter waited patiently to make his move. He was about to prove he could manage, and use illegal tactics for, more than one wrestler.

He got his chance. Andre body slammed Abdullah near Hunter's corner. Rock got to his feet and started shouting.

"Hey ref!" Pay Attention! That's illegal!" he screamed, edging closer to

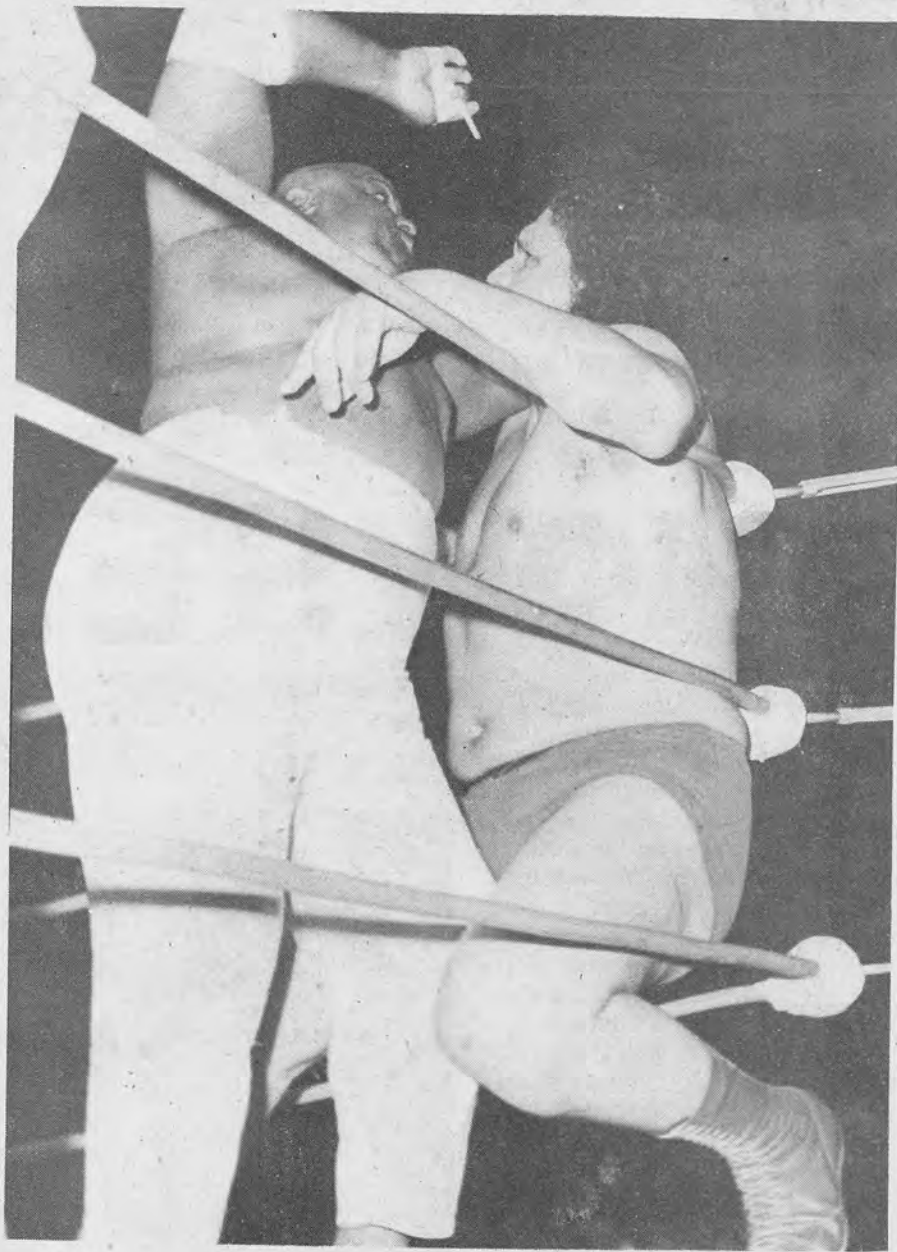
his wrestler. "Disqualify Andre!"

Hunter hadn't expected to have Andre disqualified. However, he did expect the referee to turn away from him in disgust. And while the referee's back was turned, Hunter's hand reached out for Abdullah.

Abdullah grabbed the manager's hand and the grappler's face broke out into a smile. Clenched tightly in his huge fist was a plastic knife!

PHOTOS BY DANNY GODDARD

THE MAN WHO BLOODIED ANDRE THE GIANT AND A EVER



Left: Abdullah the Butcher has Andre against the ropes where he carves him bloody with a foreign object. Below: A bleeding Andre yells at Abdullah.



When a man as weird as Abdullah The Butcher goes berserk, not even a 425-pound giant is safe!

Andre had no idea when Abdullah got to his feet that he was armed. The giant mat star innocently waded in at his foe, expecting to finish him off within a minute. Instead, he was walking toward a riot!

Andre was within three feet of Abdullah when he saw the knife clenched in his foe's fist. By then it was too late. Abdullah sent the weapon toward Andre's head, splitting the flesh across the giant's face. Andre the Giant was bleeding!

The giant stumbled backwards, blood pouring down into his eyes and blinding him. But Andre would be stunned for only a moment. His strategist's mind was already formulating an offense.

With lightning speed, made even more remarkable coming from one his size, Andre grabbed Abdullah's hand and twisted it with all his strength. The knife fell to the canvas. Instantly, Andre pounced on it.

That was all Hunter had to see. He raised his right arm and turned it in a circular motion. Rock then rushed over the ropes and leaped on Andre.

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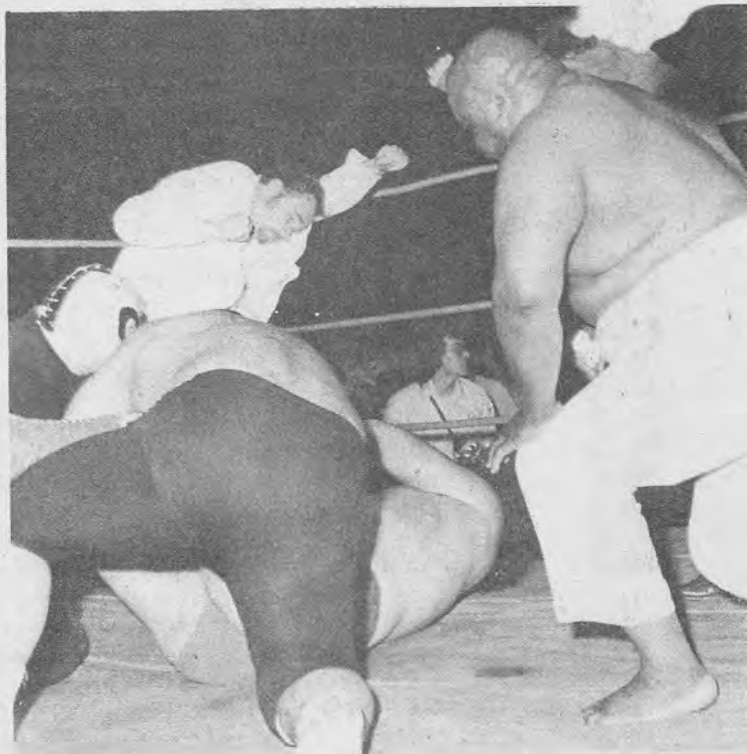


Another victim of Abdullah's savagery is Mr. Wrestling II. The masked star came into the ring after Abdullah's manager, Rock Hunter, interfered. After Abdullah bloodied him, Wrestling II is restrained from attacking the Butcher by Bruno Sammartino (above).

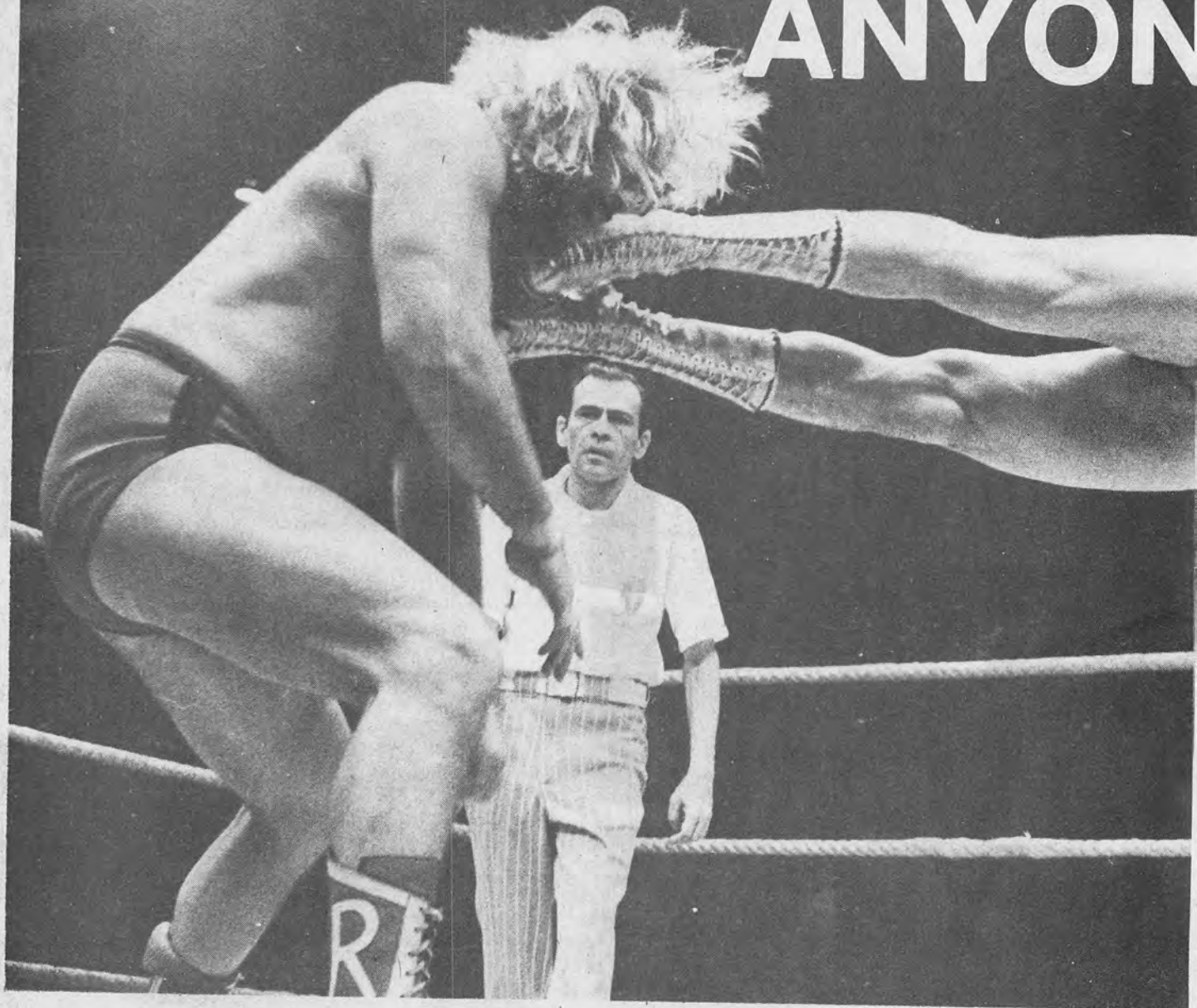
ALMOST RYBODY ELSE!



Left: Abdullah's manager, Rock Hunter, watches as his man uses illegal tactics on Andre. Right: After Andre got the upper hand in the match, Hunter along with Dudley Clements, Toru Tanaka, and the Assassin II all interfere in the bout. It was one of the cruelest exhibitions ever seen in a wrestling arena.



NEVER UNDER ANYONE



THE SOUND OF laughter could be heard outside the dressing room. Inside, Jacques Goulet insulted his opponent for the evening, Greg Gagne.

"This is the kind of match," Goulet said, "that I could win blindfolded, hands tied behind my back, and balancing on one leg standing on a hammock! This kid is such a sucker, I can make him obey my slightest whim. I can trick the clown into doing anything.

"Have you ever seen the dummy wrestle?" Goulet went on, watching his comrades laughing at the sianders. "If he's lucky enough to

get an advantage, all you have to do is ask him to stop and he does! Just say, 'Don't hurt me, Greg!' and the sucker doesn't! He'll back off because he's a 'sportsman!'

"Actually, he's a fool! The moron keeps giving guys a chance and they keep coming back and murdering him! I think his head bounced on the canvas 100 times too many!"

Jacques went on and on, maligning the skills and intelligence of his young adversary. In the other dressing room, Greg sat waiting for the match to begin.

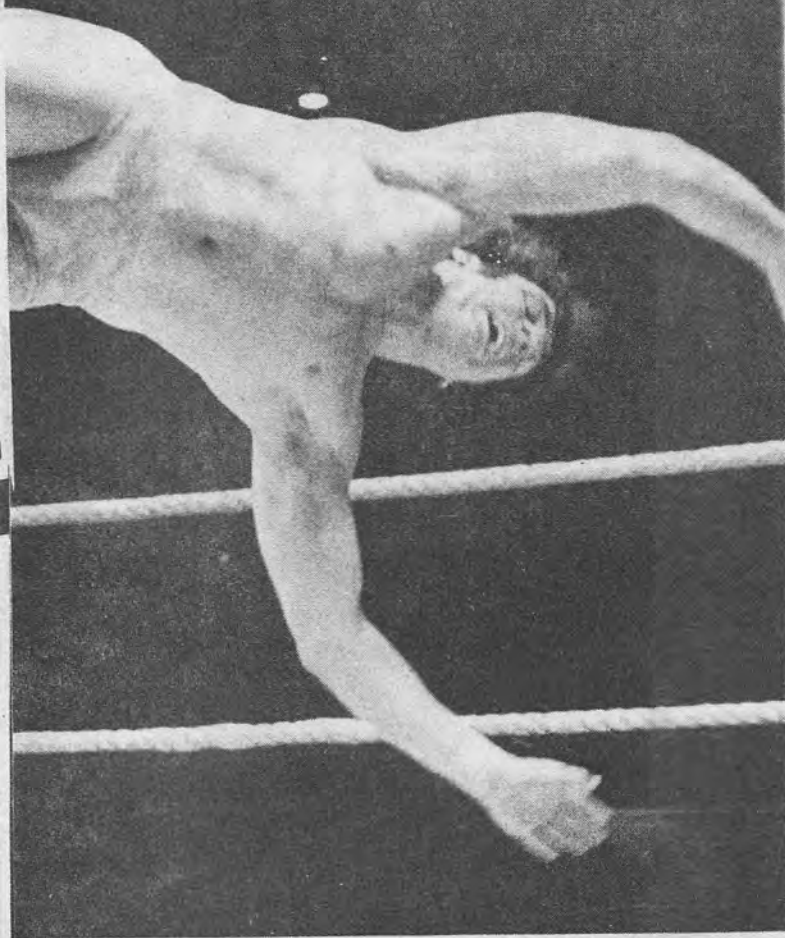
Though he could hear neither the insults nor the laughter, Greg was

well aware of the problem Goulet was mocking. Like many other young wrestlers, Greg has often taken pity on opponents who plead for mercy. After all, what athlete would wish to inflict unnecessary pain?

It didn't take Greg too long to discover many wrestlers grapple *only* to punish helpless opponents, especially those who show them mercy.

"Of course," Greg admits, "before you get in the arena, you know these guys are notorious for playing 'possum,' pretending to be hurt and begging for mercy only to

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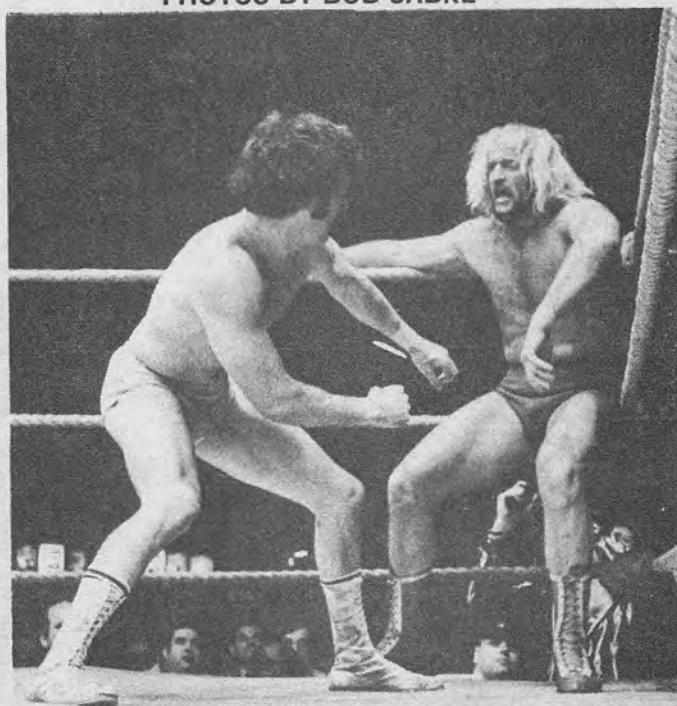
spring as soon as you give them the chance. Yet it's different when you're actually in the match. You know how much punishment they've absorbed and how badly they've been hurt. You sometimes believe them when they beg for mercy, forgetting all you know. All that matters is the chance you might permanently injure someone. And I don't care who it is. I don't want a crippled man on my conscience. I'd rather get the tar beaten out of me than be told by a doctor my opponent will never walk again because of me!

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Right: Goulet pleads for mercy late in the bout and when he has little strength left. However, Greg knows that any mercy will only lead to a doublecross! He shows Jacques that he's aware of these tricks by continuing to batter Goulet!

From now on, Jacques Goulet will not take any member of the Gagne family for granted

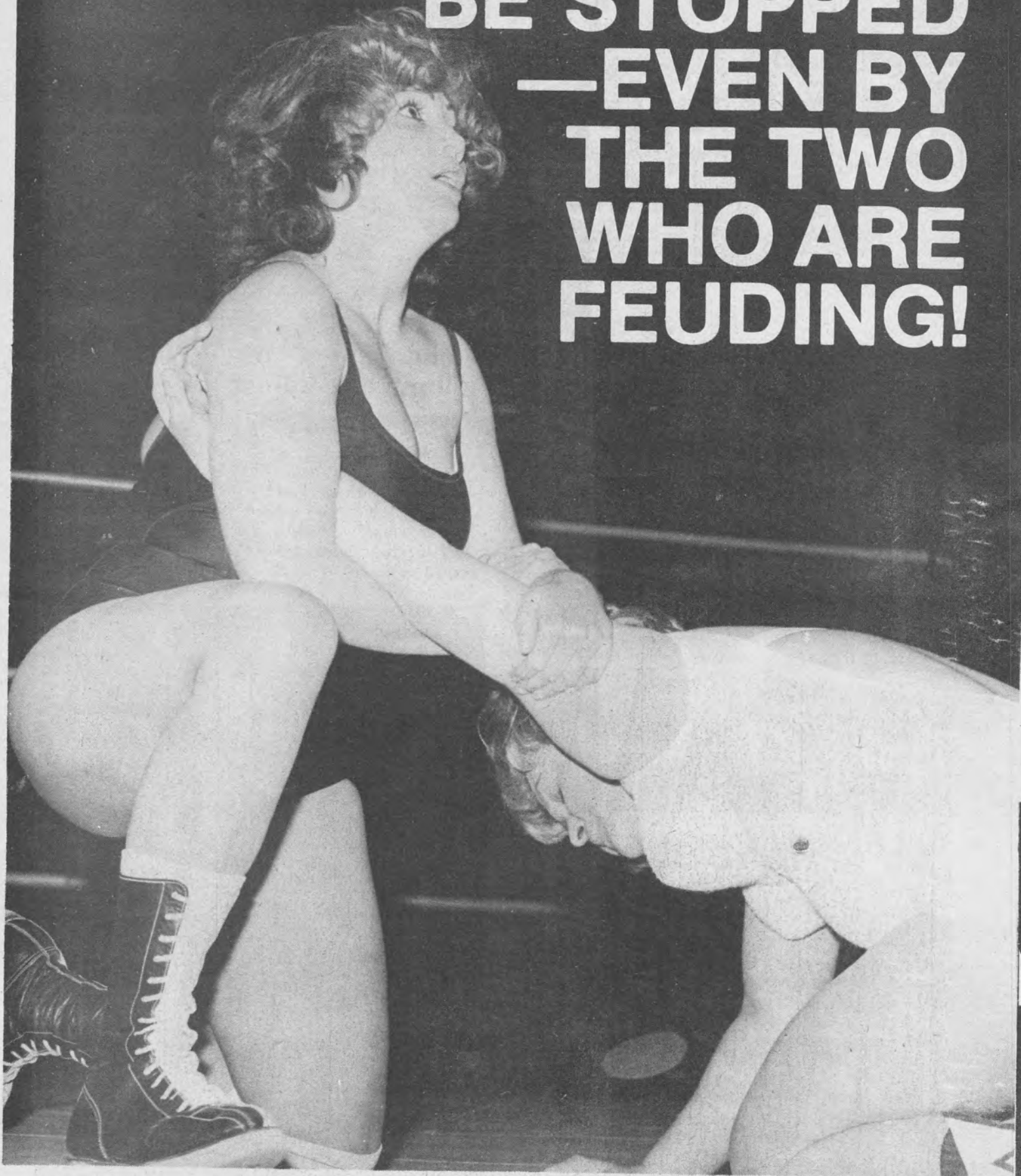
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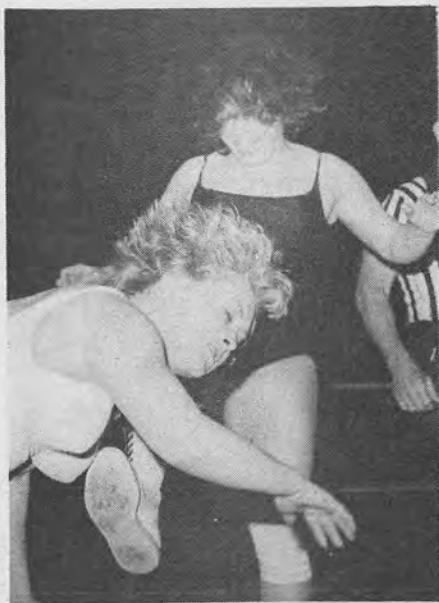


Left: Greg Gagne's body becomes a study in power and grace as he executes a perfect dropkick against Jacques Goulet early in their match. The move sends Goulet stumbling backward across the canvas, hapless and helpless. Above: Goulet retreats to the corner as Gagne wades in for the attack. The Frenchman is stunned at the ruthless cunning of his young foe!



**A FEUD THAT CAN'T
BE STOPPED
—EVEN BY
THE TWO
WHO ARE
FEUDING!**





Above: Betty kicks Jean in the chest. Right: Caught on the ropes, Betty scissors Jean.

PHOTOS BY THEO EHRET

THERE IS AN old Greek myth about a man who was doomed by the gods to spend eternity rolling a boulder up a hill only to have it tumble to the bottom. Then, he would roll it up again only to have the same thing happen. This work would go on forever.

At times, it seems that Jean Antone and Betty Niccoli share something in common with the mythical Greek. They wrestle each other over and over again, yet nothing is ever proven. So they must wrestle again, each time failing to prove their superiority over the other.

One would think one of the women would quit from sheer frustration. The feud, though, may have gone on too long for either to accept defeat. Too much is at stake to run away.

"Every so often," Jean says, "I realize no one but ourselves is responsible for the situation. The more we wrestle against each other, the more important a decisive victory becomes. Over the years, this craving for superiority has grown to absurd proportions. A match between us now is incredible. The feud is bigger than both of us."

"It's gone too far to stop, though. Neither of us could call a halt to this thing without sacrificing our professional integrity. That's why we have to wrestle each match like it's going to be the last one. And we always know there'll be another one."

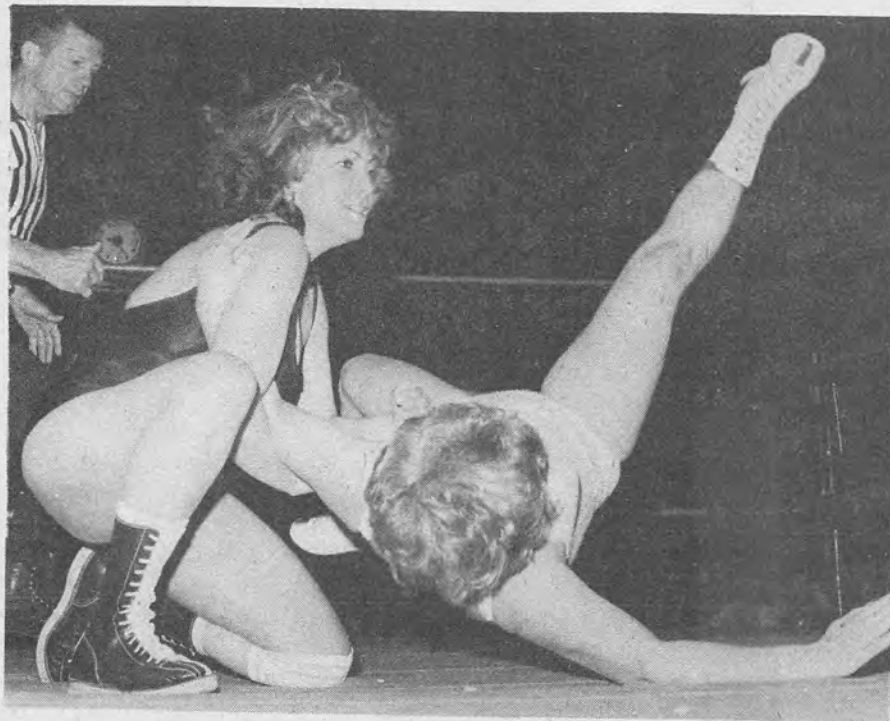
"There are moments," Betty admits, "when I feel like I'm trapped in something I want no part of. I hate Jean



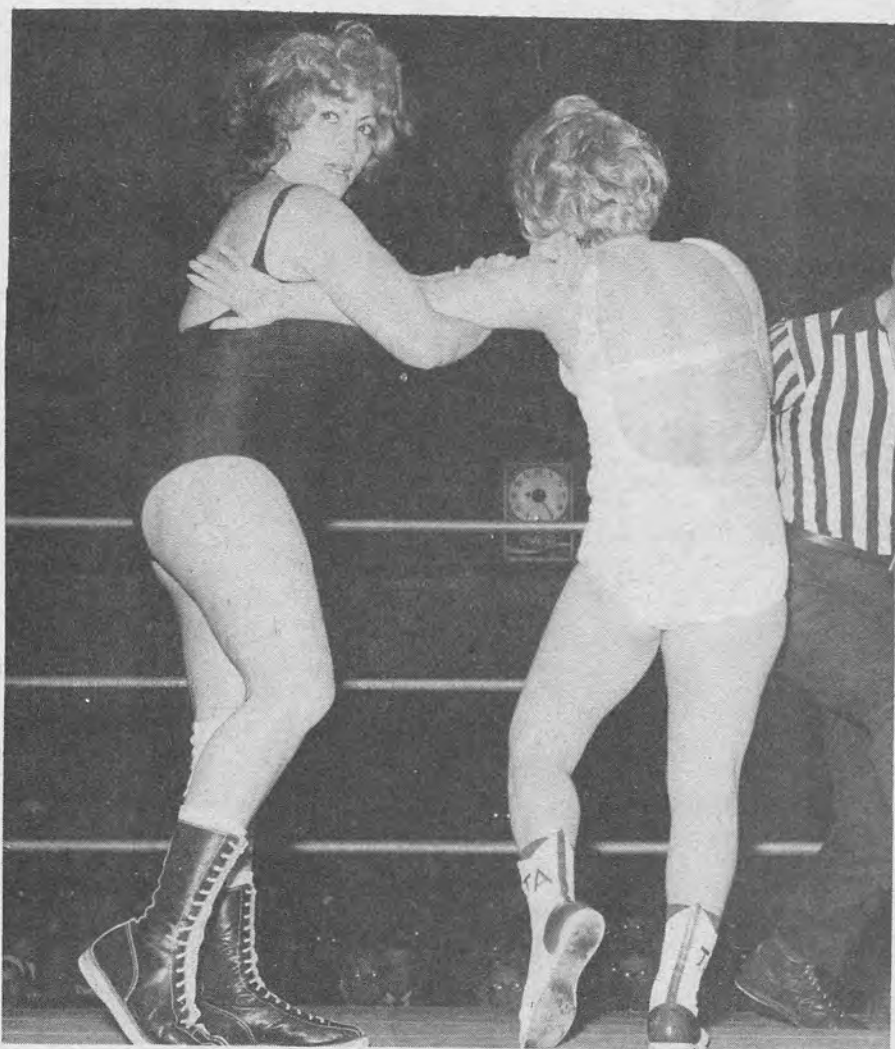
Even if both women agreed to call a halt to this feud—it still might continue!



Betty trips out Jean with consummate skill late in their furious brawl. In every match between these two spitfires, each girl gets bounced around the canvas with wild abandon. There is never the slightest hint of mercy toward an opponent in any of their bouts.



Above: Jean pounds her fist hard into Betty's shoulder and arm. Left: Betty executes a perfect armdrag as Jean hits the canvas. Below left: Betty traps Jean in a painful armbar.



with every fiber of my body, but I couldn't tell you why! We've been feuding so long it's taken on a life of itself. It's like the feud is some heartless master and we're its slaves.

"But we can't stop! That is, until one of us is finished. At this point, though, one of us will have to be crippled to stop. How can you spend the rest of your life with that much of a failure

hanging over your head? The only way this feud will end is if one of us is hurt too badly to ever wrestle again.

"It's strange to hate someone for bringing out the best in you. I never wrestle better than against Jean, and she's the same way. The matches I'm proudest of are those against her. But I hate her more deeply than I've hated anyone in my entire life."

Watching the girls wrestle is an experience never to be forgotten. They're furious hellcats, tearing and clawing at each other with savage abandon. It seems incredible for anyone to repeatedly subject herself to this punishment. The pride of a professional athlete, however, is always difficult to understand.

Both women have given thought to what this feud has done to their careers. Because of their obsession to beat each other, they've lost chances for title shots. Their training has been so intensely geared to the other that different opponents tend to have an advantage against them. As an example, even when Jean wrestles someone else, she's mentally prepared for Betty, not her opponent. That's a very dangerous situation for any wrestler.

"Look," Betty says, "we know it's hurting our careers. I'd be the happiest woman on earth if Jean retired tomorrow. But as long as Antone remains in wrestling, I've got to devote myself to humiliating her. It's the way things work out. I guess we're both just victims of circumstance." □

PUTSKI AND IGOR ARE PROVIN' CONFUSIN'

Standing with his toys is Ivan Putski (left). The powerful man with the bemused look on his face is Mighty Igor (below). It's not surprising that the astonishing resemblance between the two men has caused fans to wonder if they're the same person. But they are two very different, great wrestlers!

Ivan Putski and Mighty Igor have so much in common they often confuse the fans



"ARE IVAN PUTSKI and Mighty Igor the same person?"

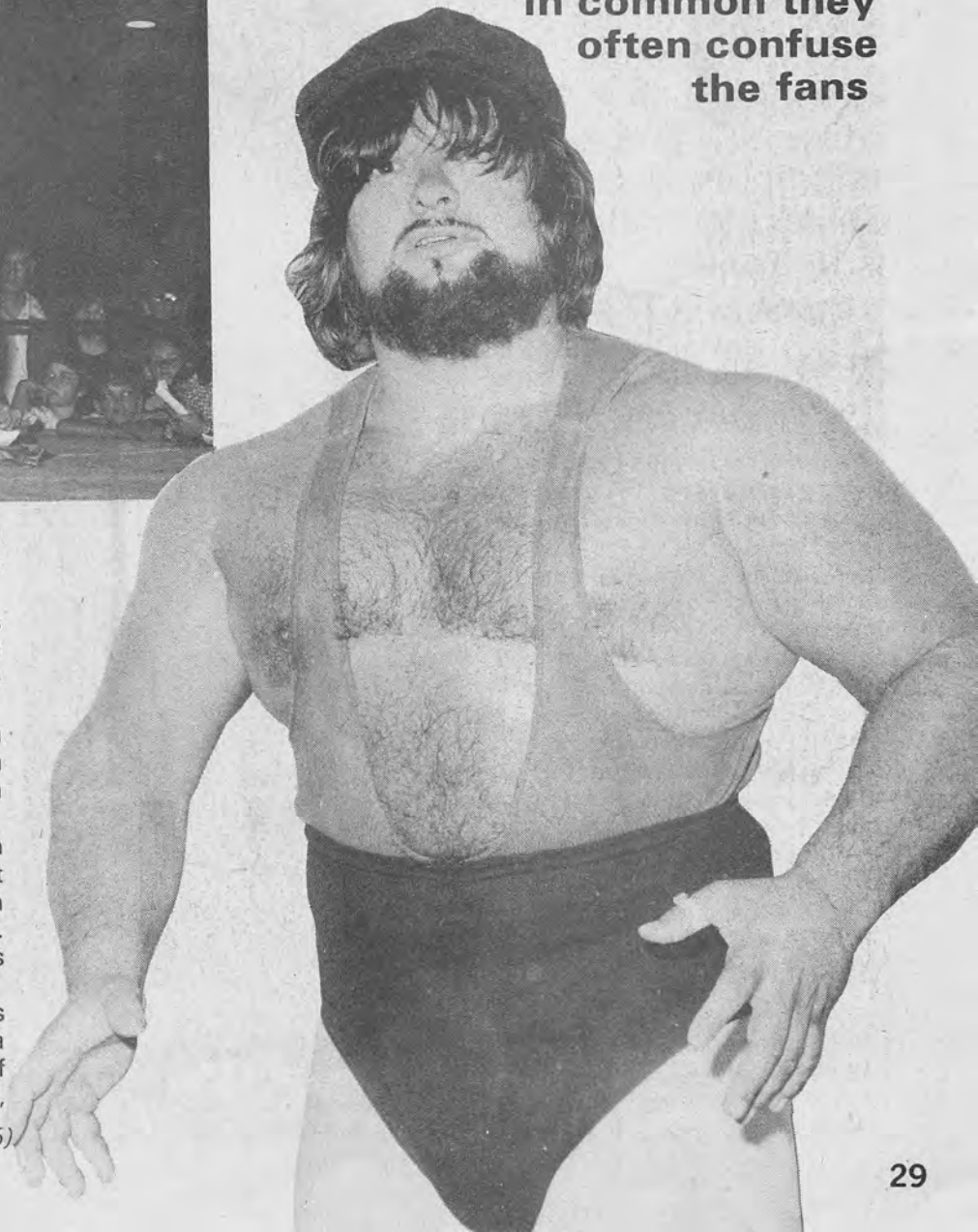
It is that question this magazine is asked more than any other. And conclusively, once and for all, the answer is NO!

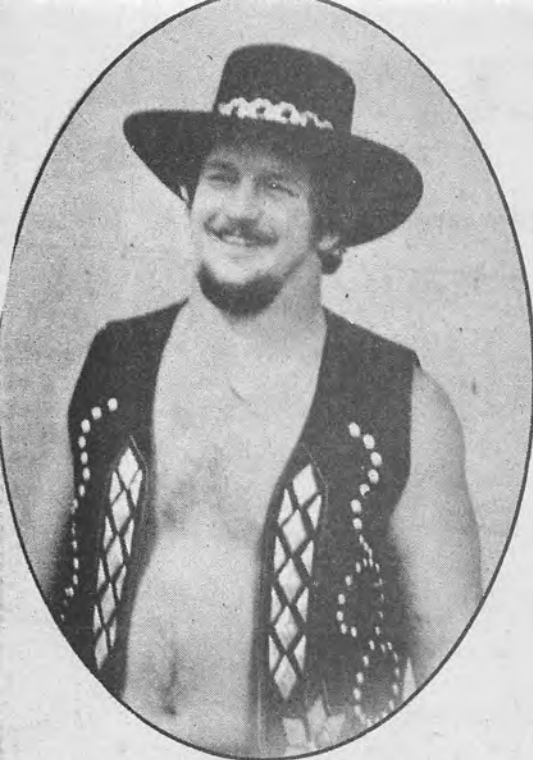
It is an obvious mistake. Both men have adopted similar styles. Both are built about the same. And both are from Poland.

Another similarity is each man claims to be the world's strongest man. Even the clothes each man wears into the ring are similar. However, there are differences between the two.

Igor speaks no English. His communication to the crowd is a wide smile and a friendly wave of the hand. Putski, on the other hand,

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We won't say Terry Funk has a split personality. But we know he's just not the same man in California as he is in Texas

PHOTOS BY GARY DUBIN

SMOG DOESN'T AGREE with Terry Funk. Either it's that, or something else native to Los Angeles.

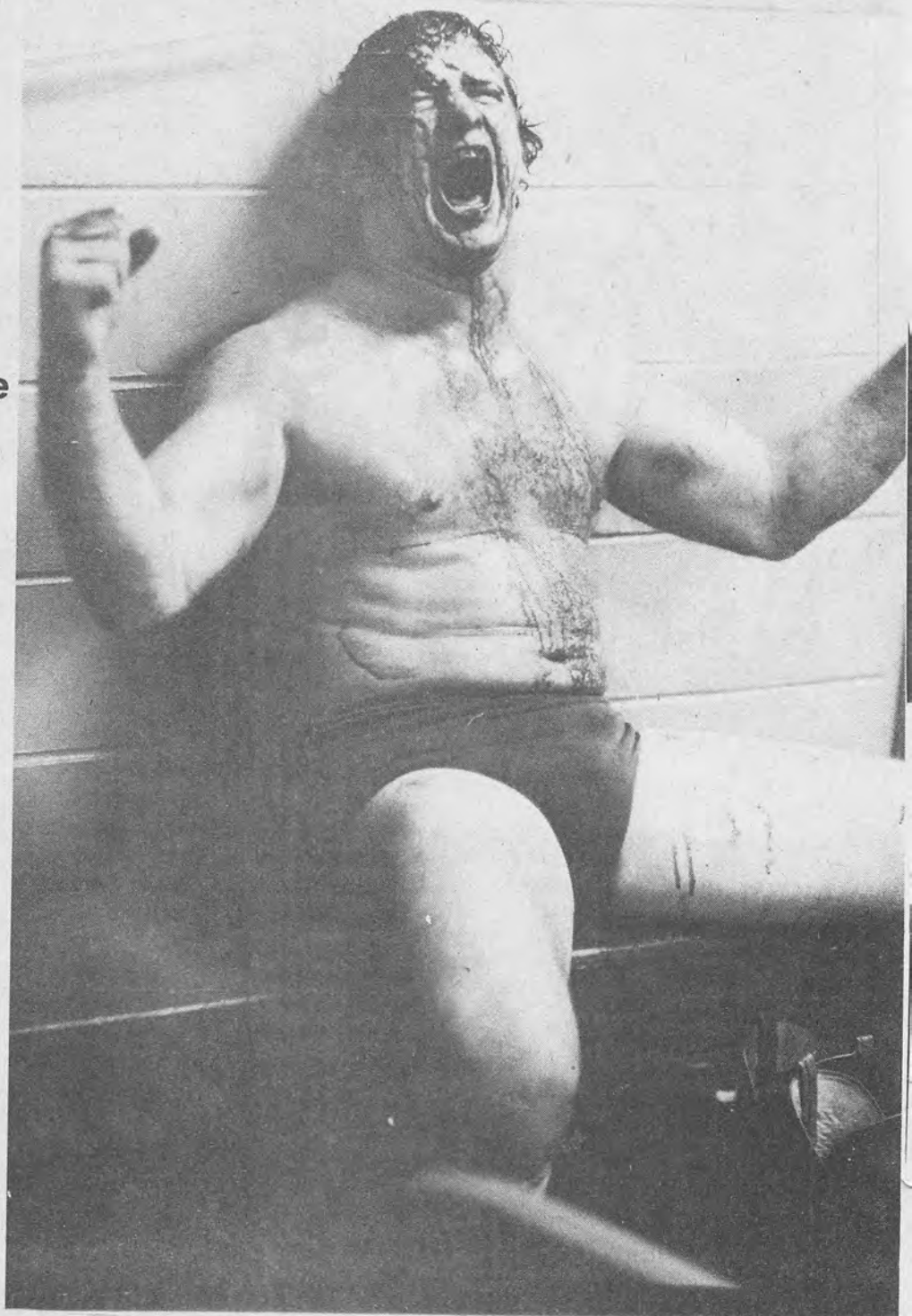
Whatever it is, when Funk comes to this western city, his style and tactics change as quickly as the Pacific tide.

Recently, in a special elimination tournament for the vacant Americas title, Funk's first round opponent was the rugged S.D. Jones. Referee Lou Anthony, prior to the bout, expected trouble.

"I don't see any problems comin' from S.D.," he said, "but Terry is another story. If this was Texas I wouldn't expect any trouble from him either. But for some reason when he comes to Los Angeles, he becomes a changed man."

Anthony's pre-bout theories were to come true. But in a way that even he couldn't suspect. Before the match was over, it was Lou Anthony who suffered the most.

As the match began, it appeared Terry would be content to wrestle Jones scientifically. S.D., who



TWO FACES RY FUNK!



When he's in Los Angeles, Terry can be counted on to wind up being bloodied (left) and to use illegal tactics, like grabbing a foe outside the ring (right). However, he shocked fans by smashing referee Lou Anthony and making the official a bloody mess (above)! In other cities, though, Terry is a scientific wrestler (below)!



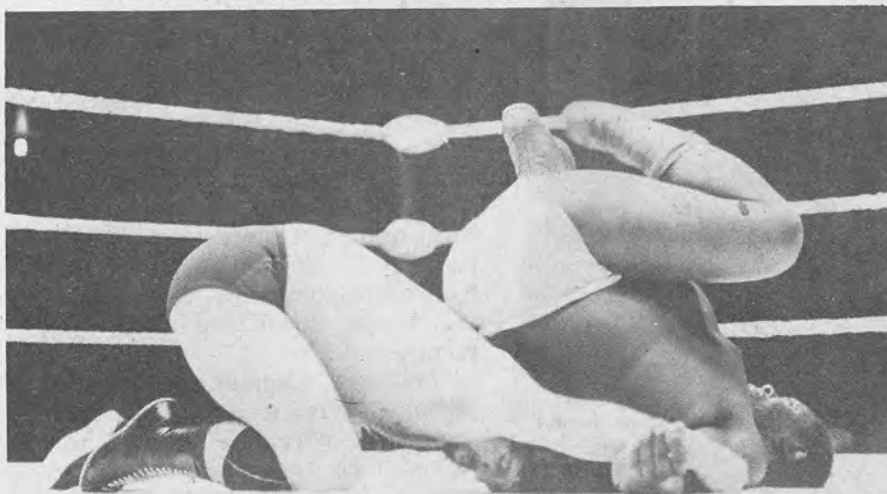
always wrestles by the book, was somewhat surprised by his opponent's tactics. The popular black star from New York City was prepared for the worst from Terry.

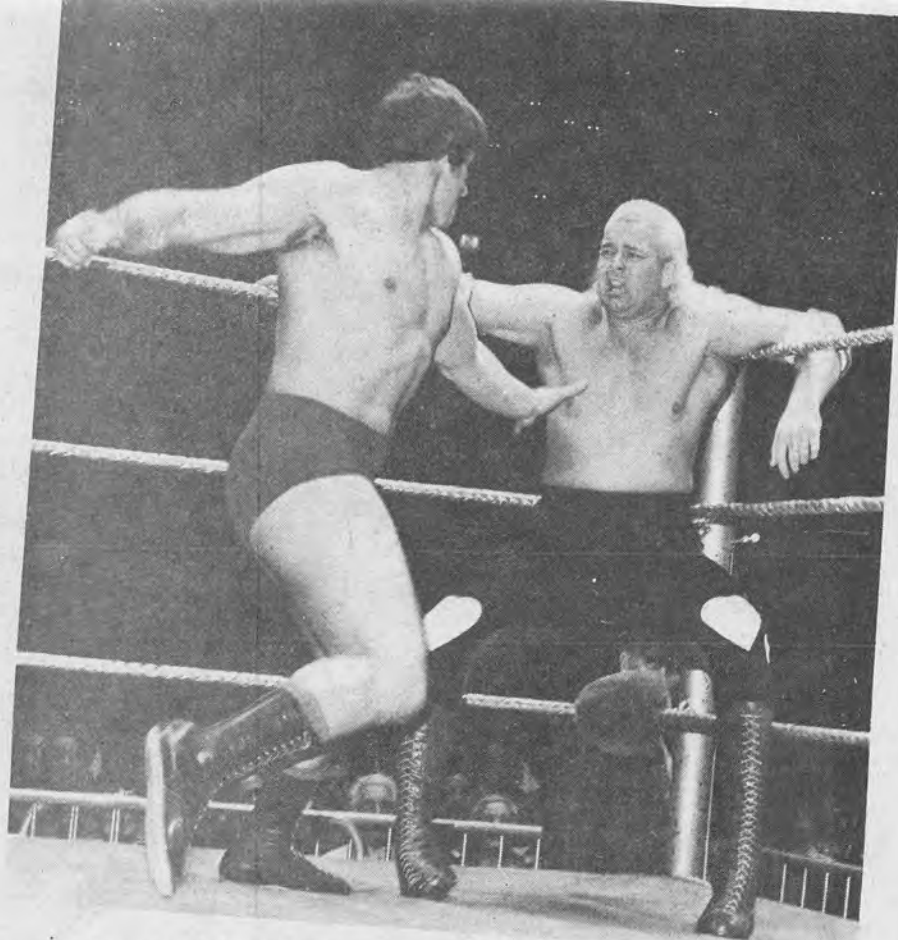
However, it wasn't for too long Funk reverted to his west coast form. Suddenly, for no apparent reason, Terry threw Jones over the ropes and onto the hard concrete floor. S.D. hit the ground with a thud and lay there motionless.

But Terry was not content with this sight. He climbed through the ropes and bodyslammed the unconscious Jones. Then he took the inert form and threw it back into the ring. The fans hoped Terry would have the decency to end the bout right there.

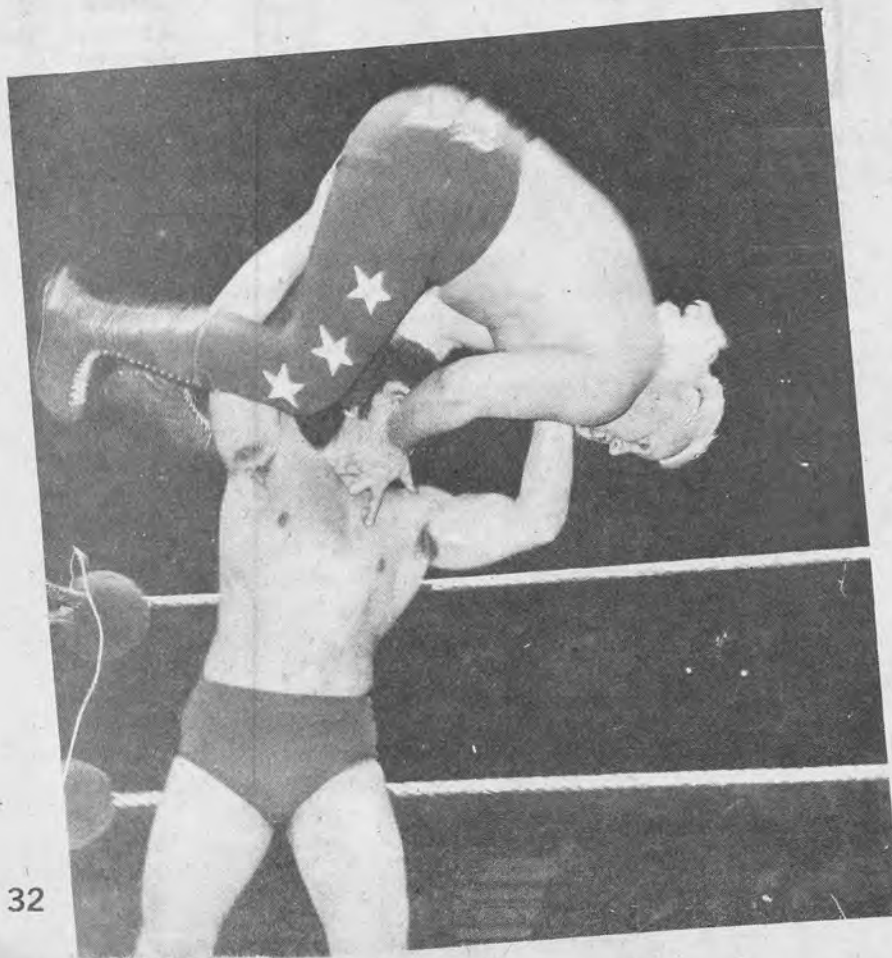
Unfortunately, Terry Funk was

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Before the Valiants lost their title to Rivera and DeNucci, Tony Garea and Dean Ho punished the blond rulebreakers in a savage brawl. Garea, especially, pounds away at "Handsome Jim" (above) and "Luscious John" (below), paying the brothers back for the past!



AFTER ALL THE punishment, all the magnificent wrestling, the buzzer shrieked its announcement—the time had run out on the attempt by Tony Garea and Dean Ho to take the W.W.W.F. tag team title from the Valiant Brothers.

However, the ending of this match proved shockingly different from all other successful title defenses by the Valiants. Usually, the brothers and their managers, Captain Lou Albano, parade around the arena, flaunting their victory in the faces of the angry crowd. This time, the two grapplers hobbled exhausted back to the dressing room, not even bothering to sneer at the jeering fans.

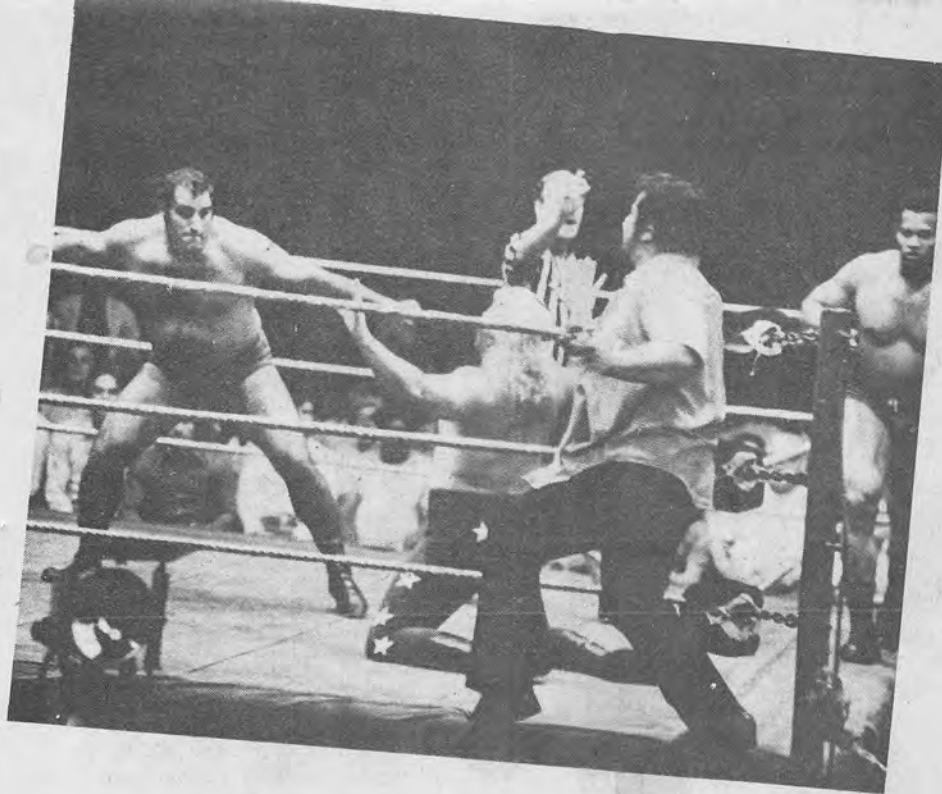
It had been an extraordinary battle in which Ho and Garea had wrestled perhaps their best match. They overwhelmed the champions with brilliant perfectly executed maneuvers. Time and time again a Valiant found himself on the receiving

HOW LOST

end of excruciating agony. The champions suffered every pain imaginable but that of defeat. But even retaining their title couldn't heal the wounds sustained during this titanic confrontation.

A short time later, the Valiants were scheduled to defend their title against Dominic DeNucci and Victor Rivera. Perhaps Lou Albano had a premonition about what would happen, or perhaps the Valiants' awesome schedule had finally weakened them, or the match with Garea and Ho had caused sustained injuries that hadn't been able to heal, but for whatever reason, Albano tried to cancel the bout.

"My boys," Captain Lou declared, "shouldn't have to wrestle any new team that comes along. Two guys have to work their way up for the honor of wrestling my men! Who ever heard of Rivera and DeNucci as a tag team?"



Left: John Valiant, hurting and exhausted, begs for mercy from Dominic DeNucci. Above: Victor and Dominic are crowned the new W.W.W.F. tag team champions!

THE VALIANTS LOST THE TITLE!



PHOTOS BY BILL APTER & JOHN AREZZI

A bloody Jim Valiant is close to tears as his brother John is trapped in a reverse cradle by Victor Rivera to engineer the stunning upset. Jim sees at this moment that the W.W.W.F. tag team crown is slipping from the Valiants' grasp and their title era has come to an end!

"The Valiants wrestle only the best! Rivera and DeNucci aren't good enough to be lousy. We'll meet them when they learn to wrestle!"

The promoters were unimpressed by Albano's arguments. Rivera and DeNucci had been a respected tag team before going their separate ways. Now, joining forces again, they easily ranked with the top contenders for the W.W.W.F. tag team championship.

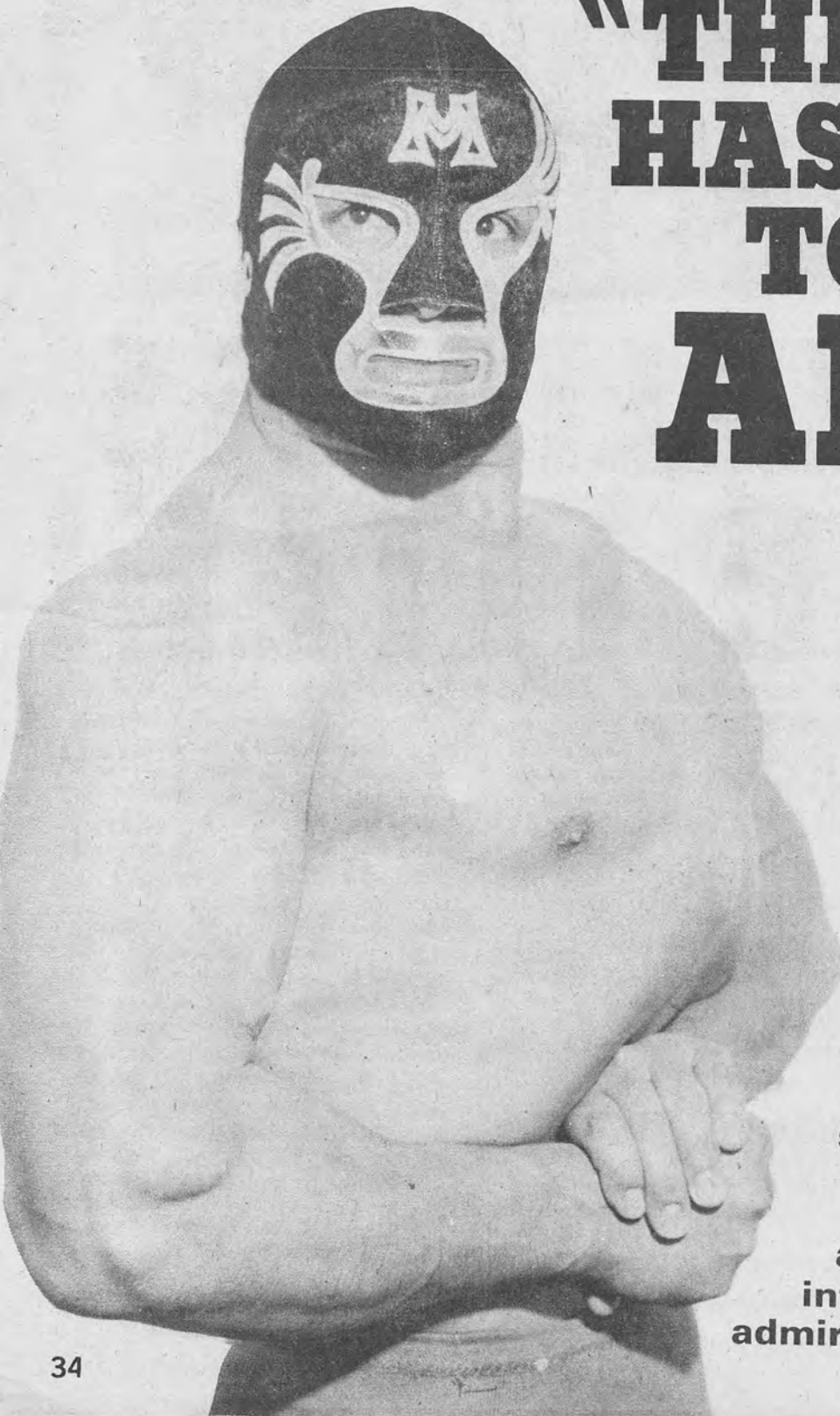
Albano was told his men would wrestle Rivera and DeNucci as scheduled. If they didn't appear, they would be suspended until a fine of \$5,000 was paid. Albano wouldn't jeopardize that much money to save his own life. He promised his men

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The Valiant Brothers have lost their W.W.W.F. tag team title to Victor Rivera and Dominic DeNucci. But there's more behind the story than what went on in the title match!

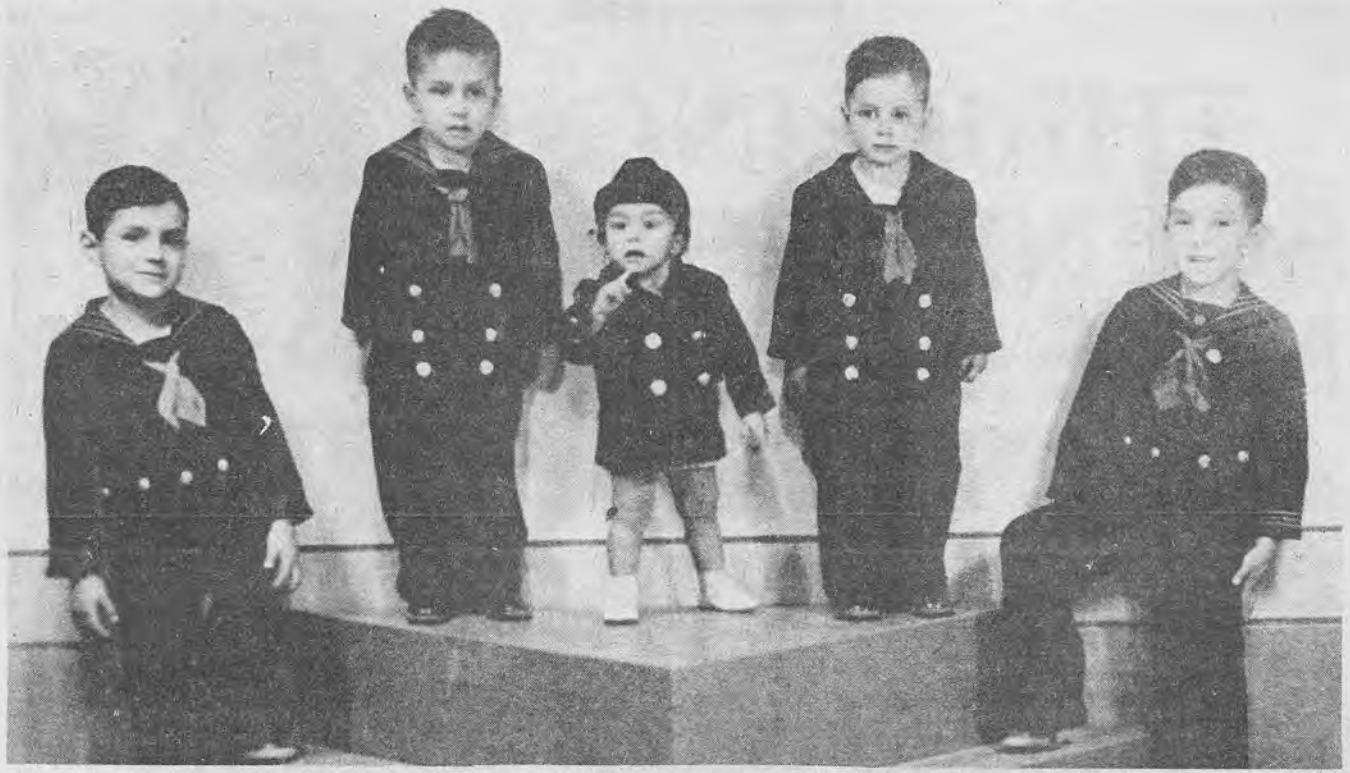
MIL MASCARAS--

**"THE TIME
HAS COME
TO TELL
ALL!"**



Exclusive Interview
BY BILL APTER

This is it! For the first time ever Mil Mascaras lifts the veil of secrecy that has shrouded his career and gives readers of this magazine an exclusive insight into the man so many admire but so few know!



UNDER THE UNRELENTING rays of the Florida sun, Mil Mascaras lay peacefully. The battles of the ring, future and past, did not concern him now. His Adonis-like body, some 235 pounds of coiled power, was relaxed. Mil Mascaras was at peace with the world.

I had never seen Mascaras without his mask. However, this day Mil consented to be interviewed with his mask off.

"It's a very rare occasion when I take the mask off," he confided. "I am on a well-needed vacation. Strangely, I take the mask off in order not to be recognized!"

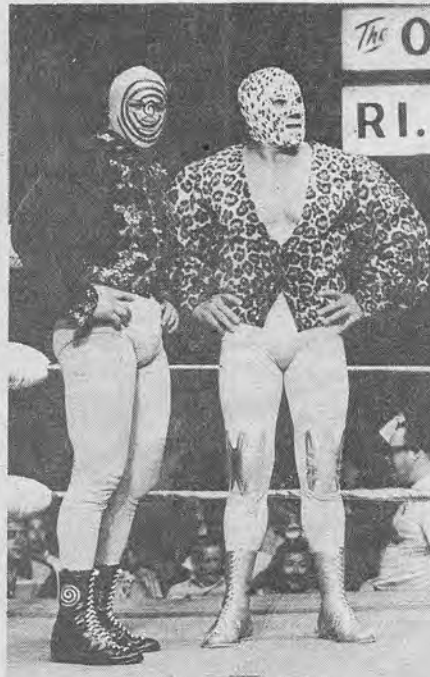
I had been trying to set up an interview with Mascaras for awhile. Finally, he contacted me in New York and suggested I join him on this vacation, when he could talk at leisure.

Mascaras without his mask is a very impressive looking man. His face is finely chiseled. Mil's teeth are perfect, and when he smiles they shine pearly white. His hair is thick and jet black in color.

Mil's eyes are extremely expressive. They are dark brown, but have a tint of green in them. If it is true that eyes are the mirror of a man's soul, then Mil Mascaras is a very gentle, intelligent human being.

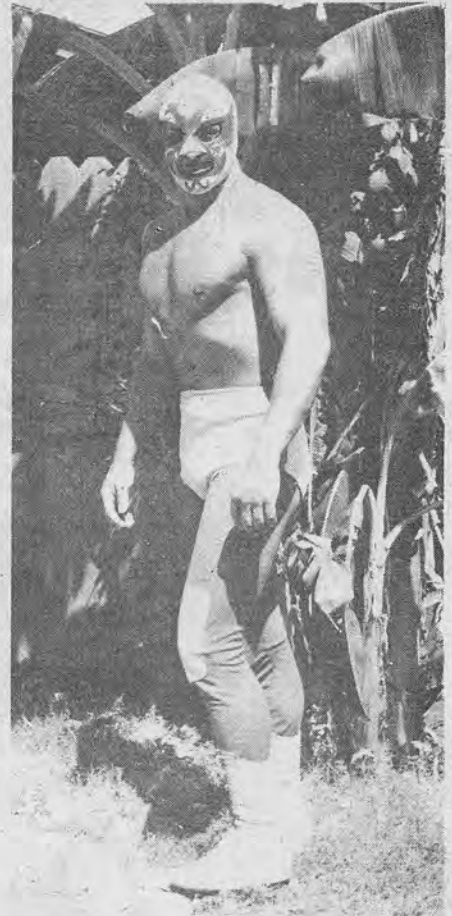
Interestingly, for the first time in my memory, I wasn't sure how to begin an interview. Mil laughed softly. Having people in awe of him is not a new occurrence. Finally, I began the questioning by asking him about his early life.

In this rare photo taken when he was an infant, Mil stands in the center surrounded by other family members (above). Brothers El Sicodelico (below standing with Mil) and Dos Caras (right), have also become popular wrestling stars.



"I was born in Mexico City," he said. "I had a very nice, very secure childhood. My father, who always liked working with machines, was an engineer. We were not rich, but we were not poor either.

"We were a big and active family. The household was always very hectic. After all, there were nine people living

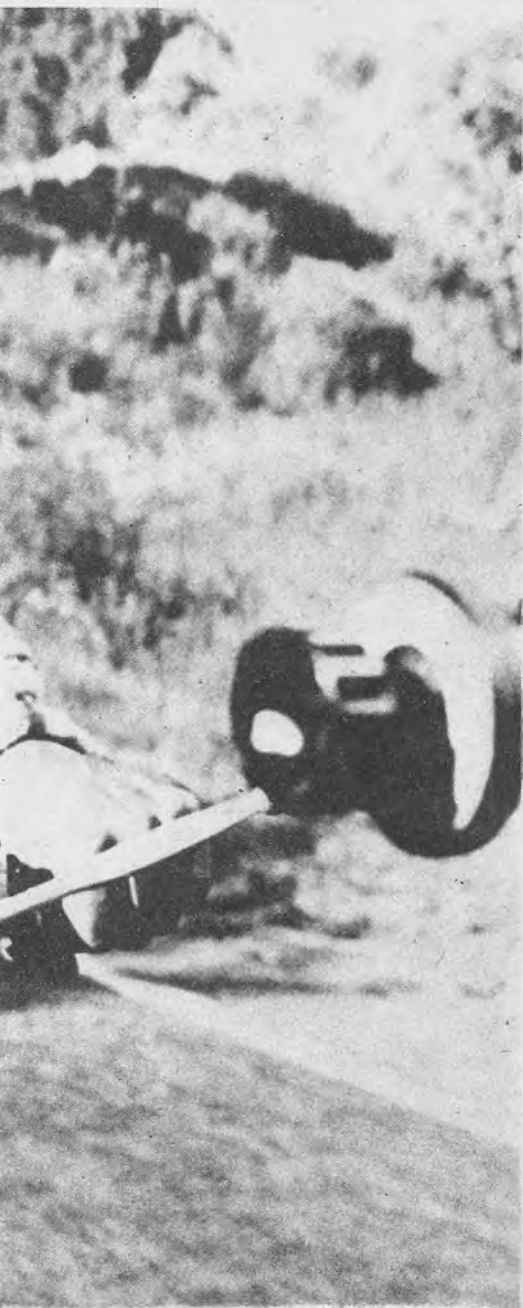
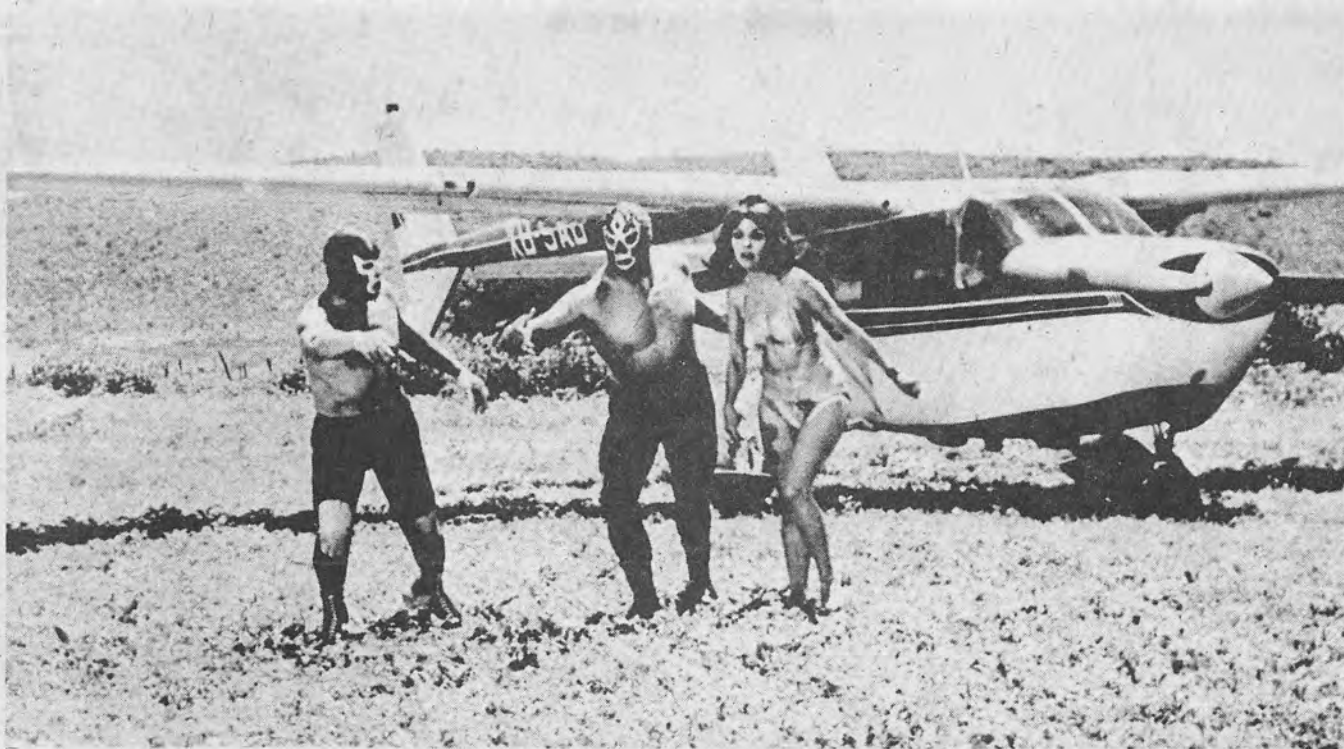


in the house! Certainly, there was never much quiet or solitude to be had.

"I was a great deal more fortunate than many Mexican youngsters. I had the chance to go to college. But my family always believed in education. One of my brothers is a chemical engineer. Another is an electrical engineer. One of my sisters is a dentist.

THRILLING SCENES FROM MIL'S MOTION PICTURES





MATINEE IDOL OF MILLIONS OF FANS IN MEXICO







Above: These are only a few of the many elaborate masks Mil wears into his matches and for his movie roles. Each meticulously made mask is a work of art. Below: Mil is delighted to see his brother, Dos Caras, featured in full color on the cover of INSIDE WRESTLING.



Another of my sisters is now studying to become a medical doctor. Two other brothers, whom you know as Dos Caras and El Sicodelico, are physical education teachers."

Mil paused for a moment to take a drink of fruit juice. He had talked much, and under the hot sun his throat had become parched. When he finished his drink, I asked him when his interest in wrestling began.

It started while I was in school. It was then I began my amateur career in wrestling. I did participate in other sports, too. I won trophies in sports other than wrestling.

"However, I enjoyed wrestling more than any other activity. It was, and still is, very popular in Mexico. I loved amateur wrestling. I can also say, and I hope you don't think I'm being conceited, that I excelled in it.

"After high school I entered additional amateur contests. I also took up judo and won a belt in that sport. I began lifting weights and I continued to develop my body."

At that time Mil was in college. I asked him what a prospective wrestler would major in at the university.

"Philosophy," he answered as he laughed. "Let me say once again that education is very important to me. I was not about to stop my education after graduating from high school."

At this point I decided to ask Mil about his "other" career. In Mexico, Masaras is one of the biggest movie stars. I wanted to find out when he became interested in acting.

"During college I enrolled in an acting school. I always had the urge to be in films and in the theatre. I also took some acting courses at the university. I had hopes of becoming a great actor."

It was at the acting school, however, where Mil's final choice of a vocation became clear.

"My teacher was Euzine Ermine, a great Turkish wrestler. He was a coach of the Turkish wrestling team. He had won many gold medals in the Olympics.

"Euzine had seen me wrestle many times and he wanted me to go to the Olympics. However, I turned him down. I had just been offered a contract to turn pro. Sometimes a man wants to run before he can walk. I accepted the pro offer."

I wondered why a good-looking man like Mascaras would wear a mask in the ring. Squinting through the glare of the noonday sun, he answered.

"At the time I became a profession-

al, masked men were the trend in Mexico. El Santo was the most popular. I followed his lead."

How did Mascaras become well-known in his native country?

I had a friend who worked for a Mexican wrestling magazine. He created a lot of publicity for me even before I turned pro. He would tell everyone I was known in Japan, Australia, and many other countries. By the time I started my pro career, the name of Mil Mascaras was already known throughout Mexico. It wasn't long before I became known worldwide."

Mil took another sip of fruit juice and continued.

"It was in Los Angeles where I first became known in the United States. It wasn't long after that I made a name for myself in other countries as well."

It was about this time that Mascaras started his career as a movie star. It



Mil is one of his favorite outfits (above) and giving you a tease—showing a little of what he looks like unmasked (right).

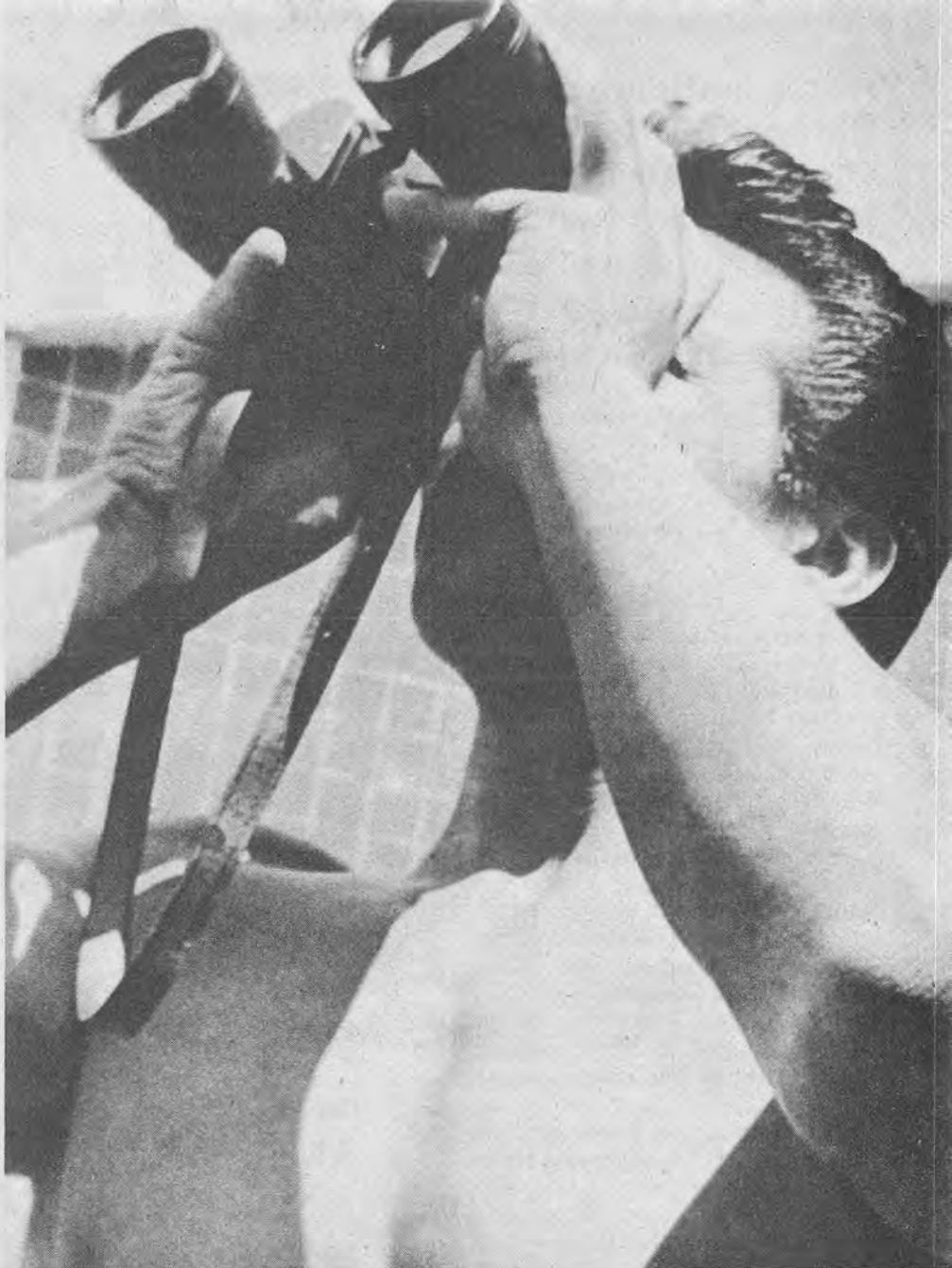
wasn't too long after that he became a big box-office attraction.

"Movies are my other career," he confided. "As I said, I always wanted to appear in movies. In acting school I learned how to write screenplays as well as direct and produce movies. Now I make my own movies."

I asked Mascaras if he enjoys the adoration of the people. He grew serious before answering.

"I have two personalities. One is Mil Mascaras, the wrestler. The other is the man *behind* the mask. Actually, I don't feel famous either way. I don't consider myself what you Americans would call a 'big shot.' I am really just a regular person."

One question which fans want to know above all others about Mil Mascaras is when, if ever, he will unmask.



"I really don't intend to ever unmask. However, if someday my mask is ripped off my head in the ring..." Mil paused for a moment, then continued, "...what can I do? I will continue to wrestle, but as my other personality. Who can say? Maybe the people will like that side of me better."

"However; I will tell you this. The day I retire from wrestling, then I will take my mask off. But I don't have plans to unmask before that."

I asked Mil what his greatest achievement as a wrestler has been.

"I think it was when I won the International Wrestling Association (I.W.A.) tournament to decide its champion. I'm very proud of the championship belt. I hope to hold this title for many years to come."

As champion, Mil must defend his title against the best in the wrestling

world. I asked him who he admires—and who he fears.

"First of all I fear no one. You *must* have this attitude if you are to be a professional wrestler. Every time I step into the ring I know I will be victorious. If the day should ever come that I begin to doubt my ability, that is the day for Mil Mascaras to quit."

"As for the men I admire, it's the scientific breed of wrestler. They are the best in the sport."

There were other questions I wanted to ask Mascaras. But I knew he was on vacation and wished to relax. I thanked him for the interview and left him to enjoy the bright sunshine.

As I returned to my hotel, I realized it had been one of my most enjoyable interviews.

I had been charmed by a man and touched by his legend! □

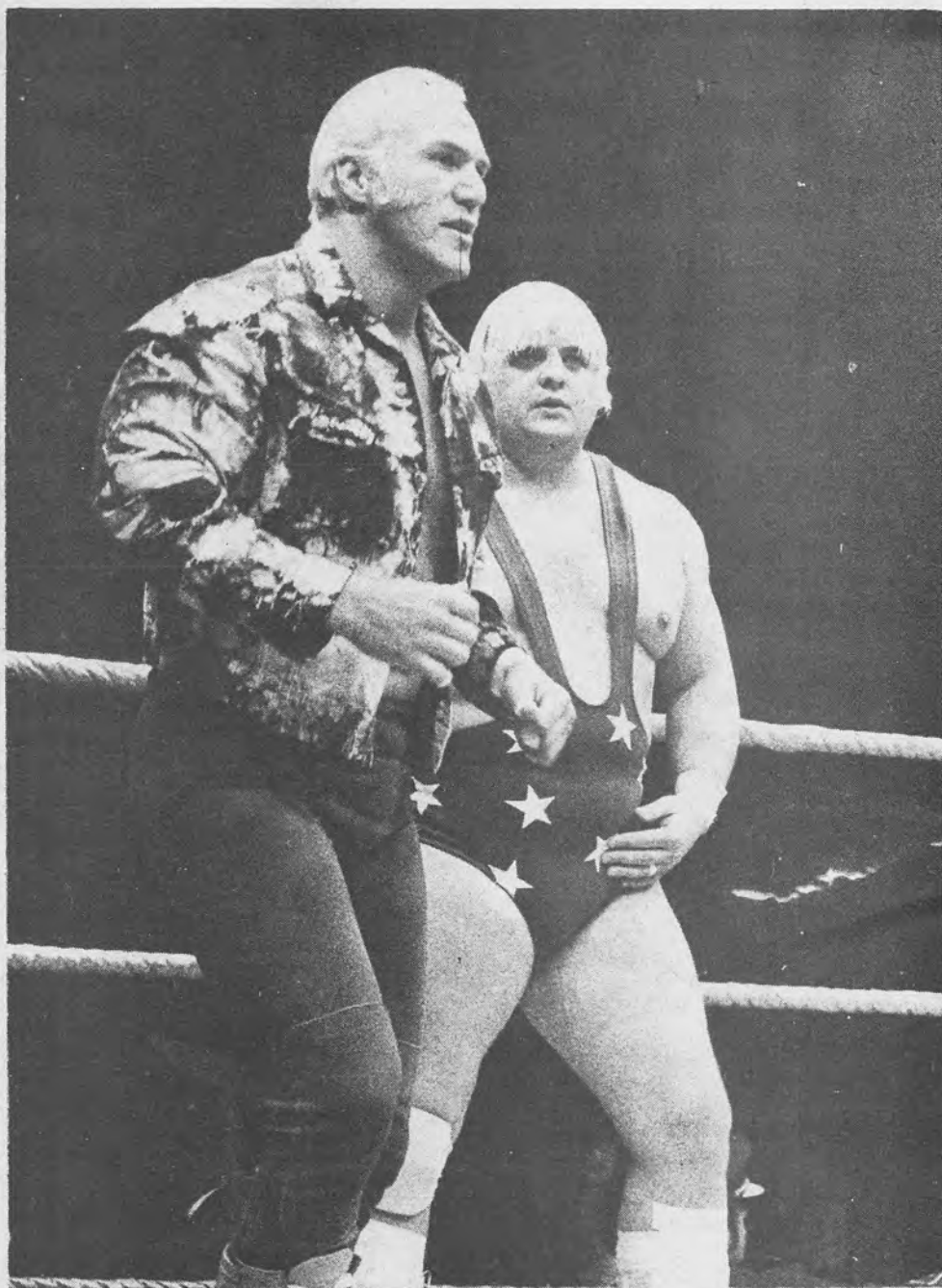
Horst Hoffman and Baron Von Raschke smiled when they saw the bare hands of their opponents. But those smiles vanished. Quickly!

Billy "Superstar" Graham and Dusty Rhodes climb through the ropes not wearing their loaded gloves. But they soon put them on and the bloody brawl began.

FOR MONTHS, a bloody campaign of terror has been raging through the wrestling world. Tag team partners would stare at each other through blood-filmed eyes only to turn and see their conquerors being awarded the victory. The men whose gloves hands would be raised in victory were Horst Hoffman and Baron Von Raschke.

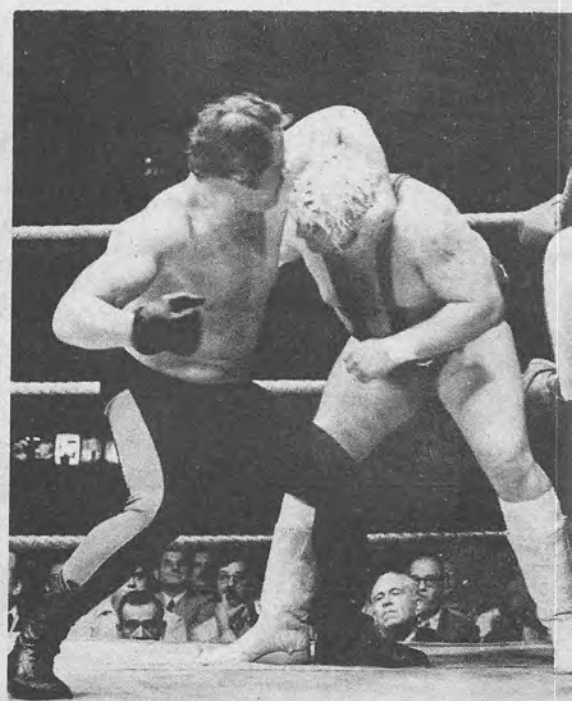
The gloves worn by the pair are leaded riot police gloves. One punch from a fist covered by them sends anyone sprawling, with blood pouring. Over and over again, these gloves would be taken from trunks and used as weapons. Over and over again, the referee would be unable to stop the beating which would force the match to end.

One day, promoter Bob Luce found Billy "Superstar" Graham and Dusty Rhodes waiting for him in his office. The two men's foreheads were swathed in bandages. The previous evening, they'd had their skin split open by a series of punches, each one wrapped in a leaded glove. Graham had suffered



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Above: Horst slams Dusty's face with a loaded glove. Left: Von Raschke and Hoffman have their gloves inspected by the referee.

his against Von Raschke. Rhodes had absorbed his from Baron *and* Hoffman!

"It's got to stop!" Graham shouted at the surprised promoter. "Either you do something about those two or we're taking matters into our own hands! And when we get going, there's going to be no stopping us! A dozen referees won't be able to hold us back! So if you don't want two German corpses on your hands, I'd suggest you do something pretty damn quick!"

Luce gazed at the pair and realized they posed no idle threats. These two

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NGE WAR GLOVES

Each month in **INSIDE WRESTLING** this space is reserved for the popular interview forum "Wrestler On The Hotseat." This month's "Hotseat" was supposed to feature manager George Cannon. The interview was never completed. Cannon couldn't handle the tough questions. So he answered in the only way his kind know. To show exactly what happened, we are running that portion of the tape recorded interview and what followed

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REPORTER'S INTERVIEW ENDS IN TE

Reporter Bill Apter gets the interview underway with a few questions.

**"I AM NOT
CONTROVERSIAL!"**



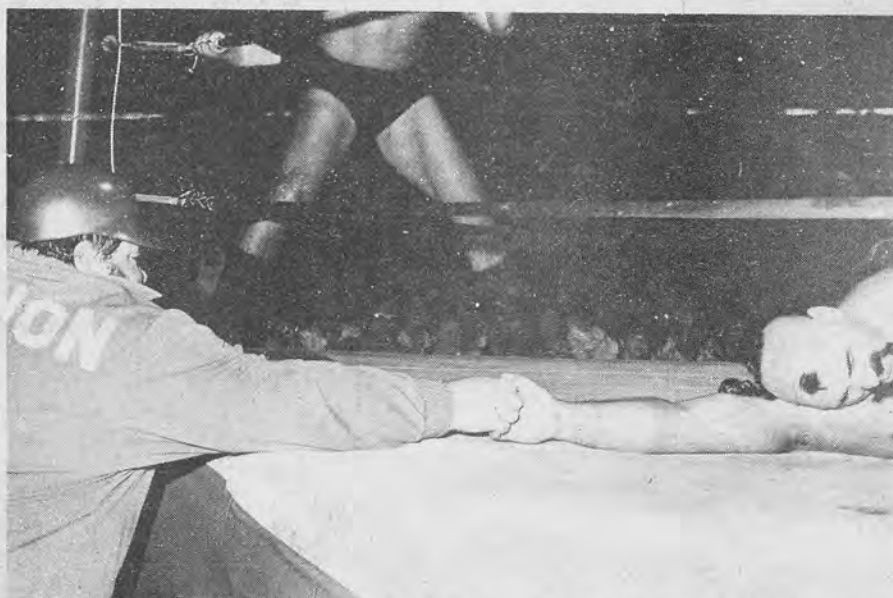
BY BILL APTER

Q: I'm speaking with one of wrestling's most controversial managers, George "Crybaby" Cannon. First off George, why do they call you "Crybaby?"

A: You know something, Apter. When I invited you into my room to do an interview, I thought you were going to conduct yourself in a gentlemanly manner. Right off the bat—**RIGHT OFF THE BAT**—you start by calling me a *controversial manager*!

Q: You are, George. . .

A: *I am not controversial!* I am known as the world's greatest manager. Everybody thinks that. There is no controversy whatsoever. **EVERYBODY!** I mean *everybody!* All the fans know I am the greatest!



Photograph (above) catches Cannon in the act of passing a foreign object to one of his Mongols. Cannon (bottom of page) begins to get all worked up about one of Apter's probing questions. Easy now, George.

RRROR!

Q: And you're also known as a "cry-baby." This is a fact!

A: Apter. *This is it!* I know you're not a wrestler. I know you can't defend yourself, especially against a man of my caliber. *But I am going to throw you out the door if you insist on bringing up things like my crying!* Where have you ever heard of a grown man crying? Have you ever known of a grown man to cry? Come on. Tell me!

Q: Well I . . .

A: I am so flustered!

Q: George, let me calm you down with another question . . .

A: **NO!** You *can't* calm me down! Wait a minute now. It may be you're *trying* to upset my emotions. Let me get my emotions under control! Let get them under control! Okay. I'm calm. I'm serene. You may continue.

Q: Fine. Why do you interfere in matches?

A: **I DO NOT!!!** There you go again! Who sent you up to my room? Was it Mil Mascaras?

Q: No . . .

A: The Italian Connection, Brito and Bravo?

Q: No . . .

**"I DO NOT
INTERFERE IN
MATCHES!"**





Enraged, Cannon takes the towel from around his neck, wraps it around Apter's neck, and begins choking him! This is certainly one of the lowest and most gutless acts Cannon has ever gotten involved in.



"THE MONGOLS HAVE IT ALL!"

A: Apollo?

Q: No one sent me up here, George!

A: I know. It was that Polish joke, Mighty Igor.

Q: I was simply asking you questions the fans want some answers to.

A: Igor must have told you to go up to my room and aggravate me. He knows that sooner or later Erik The Red or the Mongols are going to get after him and he wanted you to *spy* for him!

Q: That's not true.

A: I *know* what you're up to, Bill Apter. You are in on this conspiracy along with everyone else in-

cluding the I.W.A., to take the tag team title away from the Mongols.

Q: George . . .

A: It won't work, Apter. *It won't work!* I am the world's greatest manger! The *non-controversial* manager! The *non-crying* manager! The manager who can sit here and be serene, calm, and have a decent conversation with a person who I thought would conduct himself as a gentleman. Unfortunately, you cannot!

Q: But George . . .

A: SHUT UP!!! You had better change your ways, Apter! You'd better change them real fast!

Q: Alright. Let me ask you this.

A: Just give me the questions that you know won't irritate me.

Q: Hopefully this question won't upset you.

A: Stop toying with my emotions, Apter!

Q: You have said the Mongols are the greatest tag team in. . .

A: There you go *again!* I have said! Apter. . . every wrestling magazine in the world—INSIDE WRESTLING, THE WRESTLER, and others—have all claimed the Mongols are number one! George

Cannon is the number one manager. And you come along and say that *I* say they are the greatest? *Everyone* says they are, Apter!

Q: I just said . . .

A: You can't speak English, Apter. You're from New York aren't you?

Q: Yes.

A: That explains it. You can't speak English. I have to take a dictionary with me whenever I go there. The people in the New York area—Manhattan, Brooklyn, Long Island, Queens, The Bronx, they *cannot* speak English. When you come to interview me come prepared, Apter! Bring your dictionary and look up all the adjectives and superlatives, like tremendous, stupendous, classic, dynamic, and colossal. You have to remember that and treat me in that manner. And also—talk English!

Q: Okay. Many people have said the Mongols do not follow the rules. Would you care to elaborate on this subject?

A: As you know, I have been associated with championship teams all my career, including the Fabu-

"PEOPLE IN NEW YORK SIMPLY CANNOT SPEAK ENGLISH. I HAVE TO TAKE A DICTIONARY WITH ME WHENEVER I GO THERE!"



Referee Tommy Young runs in from the next room and pulls the crazed manager off Apter. It's important to note that Cannon is the first wrestler who was unable to take the pressure of "Hotseat" questions.

EDITORIAL

It has got to stop and stop now!

We're talking about the series of attacks by professional wrestlers on wrestling reporters and photographers, specifically this magazine's assistant editor, Bill Apter.

It seems to be becoming an "in" sport among wrestlers. Rarely do you hear of a grappler attacking a fan. Why they seem to think Bill Apter is fair game is beyond us.

Reporters realize there are certain risks involved in interviewing certain wrestlers. We realize that if we ask tough questions some grapplers are going to get angry. But this does not give any athlete a license to attack a reporter!

Apter has been attacked by wrestlers no fewer than seven times in the past two years alone! At the beginning it was a great story. Now it's becoming downright hazardous. It is evident certain wrestlers think they can make a name for themselves by attacking members of the press. *We have had enough!*

The next time Apter—or any reporter of any wrestling publication—is attacked, we will submit a formal complaint to every wrestling association demanding the man to be blacklisted. We are also planning to take legal action.

We hope it would never come to this. But if wrestlers and managers have declared "open season" on reporters, we will not let it go unanswered. □

lous Kangaroos. Now I manage the great Mongols.

Q: Why did you choose to manage them?

A: They have it all. Ability, stamina, youth, speed, strength and agility, and most of all—heart! You know Apter, once and awhile you do ask a decent question. I think I like you. You should be thankful.

Q: I don't think you're going to like me after this.

A: What do you mean?

Q: I want you to state—on the record—that you do not interfere in matches.

A: I WILL GO ON RECORD—THIS VERY MOMENT—STATING THAT I—GEORGE CANNON—HAVE NEVER—

UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE OR CONDITION—INTERFERED IN A MATCH!!

Q: Go on . . .

A: I am just at ringside to give my men a little guidance and use this brain in the way it's meant to be used—as a controlling force.

Q: Thank you. This is Bill Apter with with George "Crybaby" Cannon

A: IT'S NOT CRYBABY CANNON!!! IT'S GEORGE CANNON. THAT'S IT, APTER! YOU'RE FINISHED! I'M GOING TO CHOKO THE LIFE OUT OF YOU!!!! I'VE HAD IT UP TO HERE WITH YOU!!!! . . .

It was at this point that Cannon, screaming like a maniac, attacked me, ripping my clothes in the process. Our

photographer on assignment with me was under orders to only take pictures in the event of an attack and not to help me.

Fortunately, however, referee Tommy Young, who was in the dressing room next door, heard the commotion ran in, and pulled Cannon off me long enough for me to escape.

To show what kind of man Cannon is, I think it's important for fans to know that this is the first time any of our staff members have been attacked while tape recording a "Hotseat" interview, the kind of interview in which the wrestler *knows in advance* that he's going to be asked tough questions.

It figured George Cannon—the "Crybaby"—would be the one unable to take the pressure of the "Hotseat." □

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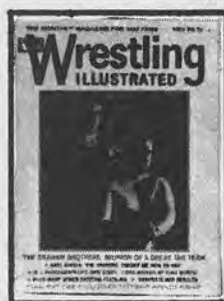
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The article, "Outside the Ropes!" (THE WRESTLER/July 1975) showed perfectly how dangerous any wrestling outside the ring can be. It also pointed out that this happens all the time.

How come there aren't stricter rules about this sort of thing to protect the wrestler? Why isn't any man who attacks an opponent outside the ring immediately disqualified? Why is this thing allowed to happen, resulting in bleeding bodies and broken bones?

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Edouard Carpentier wrestles rulebreakers like Rip Hawk even though he and many of his fans prefer to see him wrestle scientifically against men who also like to battle within the rules of the sport.

fans and change tactics! You'd be betraying yourself as well as us!

CARL KENNECK
Nashville, Tenn.

MAN OF ACTION

A lot of times people forget what

reporters have to go through to get a story. They forget it takes a lot of guts and determination, especially when the story has to do with some of wrestling's worst maniacs.

That's why "Confidential Diary of a Wrestling Reporter" (INSIDE

WRESTLING July 1975) was such a great story. Here was Bill Apter's personal recollections of all the times he's been attacked, mauled, and beaten by angry wrestlers because he has the guts to ask the questions nobody else will.

This story shows what a debt of gratitude all wrestling fans owe Bill and the others of INSIDE WRESTLING and THE WRESTLER.

GERALD SCOTT
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

LONG OVERDUE

The strictly scientific match between Victor Rivera and Edouard Carpentier is an example of something that happens all too rarely in wrestling today—and that's a darn pity.

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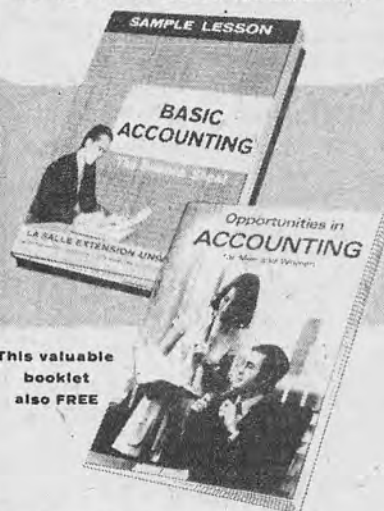
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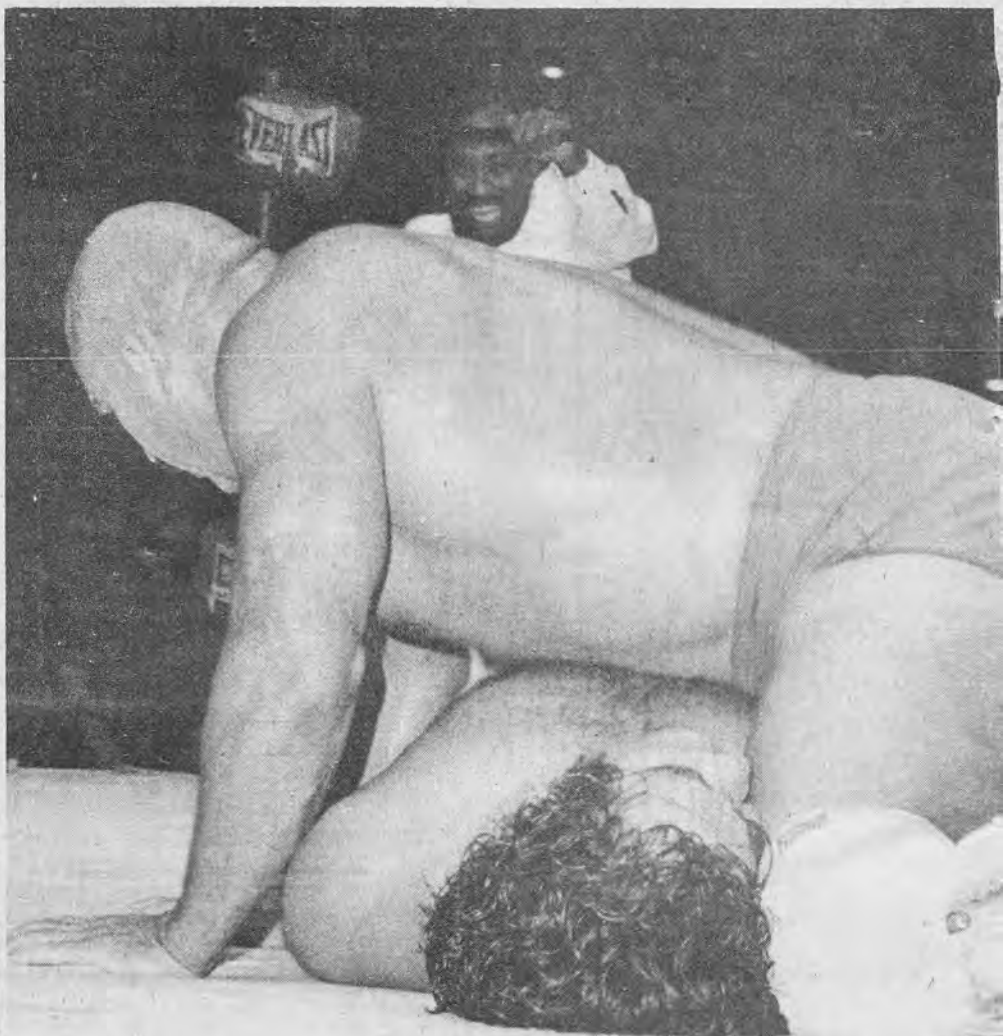
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BEARCAT WRIGHT

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Above: Stomper falls on Jack after the champ was beaten by Stomper and Wright while the referee was unconscious. Below: While Bearcat distracts the official, Stomper slams his fist hard into Brisco's face!

moment in my life?"

The moment occurred following a freak accident during the title match between Stomper and Brisco. The two wrestlers collided with the referee, knocking the official senseless. This gave Wright the chance to join the melee, and he and Stomper savagely beat Jack. A brutal kick to Jack's groin by Stomper brought the champion crumpling to the canvas.

Stomper leaped on Brisco as Wright fled the ring. A second later, the referee regained his senses to see Stomper pinning Brisco. Three seconds later, he awarded the N.W.A. championship to the Mongolian Stomper!

However, Dick Slater and Bob Armstrong rushed to the referee to tell him what had actually happened. Once he discovered the facts of the situation, he took the belt from Stomper and gave it back to Brisco. From that moment on, Wright's life has been one disappointment after another.



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GAGNE (Continued from Page 25)



Above: A battered and weakened Goulet finds himself snarled in the ropes. Below: His fist ready to strike at the slightest sign of mercy from Greg. Jacques pretends to be too weak to continue. But Gagne is not buying it and the young man remains poised and ready!



announcer summoned him to the arena. When Greg walked out, Goulet was already waiting for him. A group of Jacques' friends were watching from their dressing room, waiting for their pal to confound and batter the youngster.

It didn't work that way. Within two minutes, Greg had taken command of the battle. Goulet, badly underestimating his opponent, couldn't contain the onslaught. The shock apparent in his bulging eyes was very real

"However," Greg continued, "the longer I wrestle, the easier it is for me to tell who's faking and who's really hurt. It's part of the learning process. Most fans don't understand that it's of paramount importance to have mercy on an injured opponent. And it takes time to learn how to tell what's real and what's not.

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"And Goulet," Greg concluded with a grin, "isn't that good at faking. He's one guy you can tell is faking without worrying about being wrong!"

Greg was still smiling at what he considered Goulet's incompetent attempts to fake injury when the

indeed.

Greg sensed his victory and intensified the already overwhelming attack. Before five minutes passed, Goulet found himself trapped in the corner. The befuddled wrestler decided to beg his younger opponent for mercy.

As Jacques pleaded, his friends began to snicker. Here's where Greg's innocence, inexperience, and decency would prove his downfall. But when Greg attacked rather than released his foe, smiles turned



Above: Greg even goes after his opponent when Goulet is snarled in the ropes. Gagne refuses to let up on the pressure! Below: A Gagne right fist sends Goulet spinning across the canvas!



to open-mouthed awe.

"The kid has grown up!" one said unhappily.

"And I'm damn glad," another said, "that Goulet's the one to find out and not me!"

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GAGNE (Continued from Page 53)



Above: Gagne grabs Goulet by the hair and flips him over the ropes. Below: A stunned and shaken Goulet flops down on the canvas, knowing he's beaten.



corners, the victim of Gagne's skill. He begged, pleaded, and shouted, hoping Greg would cease long enough for him to get his bearing. Yet all his screeching couldn't make Greg stop.

How angrily Goulet regretted his first few foolish moments of the match when he could have at least mounted some attack. Instead, he now had to suffer Gagne's relentless pounding. He had lost the match in the first few minutes. For

the rest of the battle he was just trying to salvage some dignity from a humiliating defeat.

There were brief flashes of Goulet's great ability, but nothing could be sustained. His conceit had destroyed any chance he had of winning. When he realized what kind of action the match demanded, he'd been too badly beaten to mount that kind of attack.

So the inevitable happened and Greg Gagne defeated Jacques Goulet. The mask of outrage on Jacques' face told all his friends not to make any jokes about the loss to the "dumb kid." Goulet had taken a beating so that they could all learn a lesson.

The lesson was painfully clear. Greg Gagne is no longer the gullible youngster who could be fooled and beaten by fakery. When they wrestle him from now on, it will take all their strength and skill to defeat him. Tricks would be a thing of the past.

"I guess," Greg said as he relaxed in the dressing room, "there are going to be a lot of wrestlers taking me a lot more seriously after this!"

That's a very good guess. □

CONFUSIN

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Mighty Igor uses his tremendous strength to torture foe, Black Gordman, in a crushing bearhug.

speaks some English. It is not rare to hear him shout in the middle of a bout, "Polish Power!"

The main difference between the two is external—Igor has a manager and Putski doesn't. Wherever Igor goes, Ivan Kalmikoff is always with him.

"I would never let Igor appear alone," says Kalmikoff. "I'd be afraid of what might happen!"

Kalmikoff tells fans how they can spot the difference between the two Polish grapplers.

"First of all, Igor is a little taller. But there is a difference in wrestling styles as well.

"Igor relies almost totally on his strength. He is also very fast. Putski is more of a ring technician. He uses many more holds and maneuvers than does Igor. Both, however, are great wrestlers.

"However," concludes Kalmikoff, "the easiest way to tell them apart is to simply study a picture of each man. You will clearly see the facial difference between the two."






So, for the benefit of wrestling fans, this magazine prints a large picture of both Igor and Putski. Study each picture, compare it with the other, and we are sure you will have no trouble telling the two grapplers apart in the future. □

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VALIANTS (Continued from Page 33)



Before the match begins, Rivera smashes his fist into the face of Captain Lou Albano, manager of the Valiants. The crowd is elated by the beating Albano receives at his wrestlers' opponents' hands.

would be there on time.

The night of the match, John and Jim Valiant didn't appear to be themselves. Their swaggers lacked the animal grace for which they are famous. Their demeanor failed to communicate the same senses of danger as it usually does. That special spark which makes the Valiants who they are was missing.

For the first fall, the Valiants used their ruthless tactics to gain the advantage. Few athletes would dare to be so cunningly cruel as this pair. Rivera and DeNucci couldn't cope with these wild and outrageous tactics, at least in the beginning. The Valiants threw at their opponents everything they had to win the first fall, which ultimately cost the blond rulebreakers the match.

Albano appeared worried after the first fall, even though his men had won it and needed to win only one of the next two falls to retain the title. The Valiants appeared exhausted from the effort. Albano knew it and was scared.

The second fall didn't make the Captain feel any better. The Valiants were sloppy, their bodies seemingly unable to obey the minds' commands. After Rivera and DeNucci tied the match at one fall apiece, the crowd sensed this could be the night the Valiants would fall.

The third fall was brutal and bloody. All four men punched away at each other with savage abandon. It didn't seem anyone could survive this kind of punishment. Many times the referee was on the verge of disqualifying the Valiants but didn't. If he had, they would have retained their championship.

And then, Victor Rivera trapped John Valiant in a reverse cradle. The referee fell to his knees and began to count. Three seconds later, Victor Rivera and Dominic DeNucci were the new W.W.W.F. tag team champions!

The Valiants and Albano were stunned into silence. Beaten, exhausted, ex-champions, the three shuffled back to the dressing room like mourners following a coffin. The reign of terror which was the Valiants' championship era was over.

The question many have been asking is whether the era actually ended after Tony Garea and Dean Ho punished them so badly in a previous match. Were the Valiants beaten men before they even faced Rivera and DeNucci?

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BLOODIED ANDRE

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It didn't take too long for the fans to discover just what Hunter's signal had meant. Down the aisles ran Assassin #2, Professor Toru Tanaka, and Dudley Clements. Like a wolf pack attacking its prey, the four men swarmed over their opponent.

No referee could be expected to save the already bleeding Andre without help. Mr. Wrestling II, alerted about the massacre, rushed out to Andre's aid.

The masked star had barely leaped over the ropes, however, when Hunter attacked him with brass knuckles. It took only three loaded punches on the top of Mr. Wrestling's skull to make him reel backwards, blood stains spreading over his mask.

Yet, Mr. Wrestling II wobbled to his feet and began another assault, a desperate attempt to save Andre's life. However, before he faced any more punishment, Abdullah started raging through the crowd. Fans fled for their lives as he, along with his pack, stormed back to the dressing room.

By this time, other wrestlers had entered the arena. Bruno Sammartino rushed to Mr. Wrestling II's side. The masked grappler was in shock, reeling wildly. Bruno held the man until his senses returned and he could be taken back to the dressing room.

As for Andre, he slowly got to his

Above: A badly bleeding Mr. Wrestling II stands at the ring apron. He was wounded by brass knuckles. Below: Andre catches Abdullah in a surfboard and the madman from Sudan is in pain.





After falling unconscious from his wounds, Mr. Wrestling II is carried from the ring area.

feet, hurt and angry. The blood poured down his face, putting his outraged features into scarlet relief. Andre suffered much deeper cuts than Mr. Wrestling II, although the wounds were inflicted with less power.

When the riot subsided, and all the wrestlers had retreated to their dressing rooms, people tried to decide how much blood had flowed and from whom. When the last wave of wrestlers had flooded the arena, the brawl must have caused a great deal of blood-letting. Though no one was quite sure who had been wounded, almost everyone agreed it was Abdullah the Butcher who did most of the slicing.

The referee, harried and exhausted after trying to bring order to a riot, was positive it was Abdullah who caused most of the wounds.

"He was a maniac," the referee said with awe rather than anger, "the most astonishing person I've ever seen. I still can't believe any human being could attack with such fury and abandon. Who can possibly understand someone like that?"

As for Andre, after the doctor put eight stitches into his scalp, he swore revenge.

"I don't care," he stated, "if I have to wrestle Abdullah and Hunter in a handicap match! I want them! And after I get them, they'll be too badly beaten to ever wrestle again."

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WRESTLING CAPITALS

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Crazy Luke Graham proved to be the perfect opponent for the hated Sheik. In that bout, for one of the only times in his long career, Graham heard the cheers of the crowd on his side, not against him.

"Jim Dillon couldn't beat *anyone* fairly," Eddie Graham, Mike's dad, said. "I'm sure my boy will win the title back in a rematch because I'm going to teach him some dirty tricks to use on Dillon."

Victor Rivera made a rare appearance in this area and fans went wild over him . . . Bob Roop still the victim of fan hatred as he continues to pummel their favorites . . . Danny Little Bear racking up an impressive victory streak.

Jack Brisco is expected to defend his title several times during the coming months . . . The Mongolian Stomper has been run out of town. Will his manager, Bearcat Wright, be next?

BLUEGRASS BATTLING

By Jim Cornette

The Louisville, Kentucky, Convention Center was the site for the battle between two of wrestling's wildest mat men, The Sheik and "Crazy" Luke Graham.

For one of the few times in his career, Luke heard the cheers of the crowd on his side. After all, if there is one man wrestling fans hate above all others, it is Sheik.

Sheik entered the ring first and for

no apparent reason began beating the ring announcer, John Randolph. Fortunately for John, Graham was coming down the aisle about this time and decided to help the harried announcer.

Luke grabbed Sheik by the hair and threw the Arab's head into the turnbuckle. Sheik quickly broke free of Luke's grasp and beat a hasty exit from the squared circle. While the referee was counting, Sheik, with a crazed look in his eye, threw a chair at Graham.

Not content with this, the Arab was about to toss another chair at Graham when the referee warned him not to do do. Sheik slugged the helpless official and the Arab was immediately disqualified.

Sheik had some intentions of finishing the bout—until he noticed the murderous gleam in Graham's eyes. The Arab wisely returned to his dressing room.

In other bouts, Jerry Jarrett defeated Norvell Austin . . . Mr. Wrestling II bested Bill Costello . . . The Mongolian Stomper destroyed Phil Hickerson . . . Tojo Yamamoto and Jim Golden were impressive winners over George Barnes and Bill Dundee.

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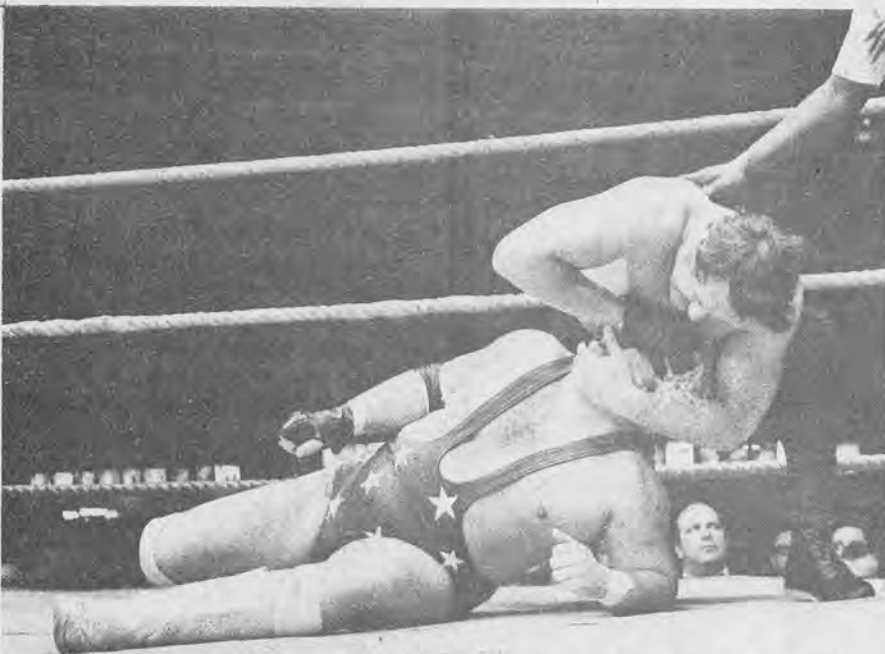
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STRANGE WAR (Continued from Page 43)



meant business in the most brutal way. Something indeed had to be done.

Luce recognized that even the strictest measures he could enforce wouldn't satisfy these men. It would cost him a small fortune to suspend the pair. Anything less wouldn't satisfy Rhodes and Graham. He could feel the sweat begin to break out in beads along his forehead. All of a sudden inspiration struck.

"What would you two say," he asked, "if I arranged a challenge between yourselves and the Germans—in a loaded glove match?"

He waited a moment to check their reactions. When he saw their faces light up with interest, he continued.

"Everyone would have a glove. Anything would be legal. You could do your damndest to kill each other as far as I'm concerned."

Graham and Rhodes looked at each other. They didn't have to discuss it. They knew what the answer would be. Each wanted to feel a weighted fist crash against the Germans' faces.

"The sooner," Graham told the promoters, "the better."

It took a quick phone call to Hoffman and Von Raschke to set up the match. The German team was happy to accept the challenge.

"It takes months," Horst said happily, "to learn how to use the glove with real effectiveness. We still have a great advantage. And there's no reason to hold off with the glove until late in the match. Hell, this thing shouldn't last more than two minutes!"

The brutal encounter lasted well

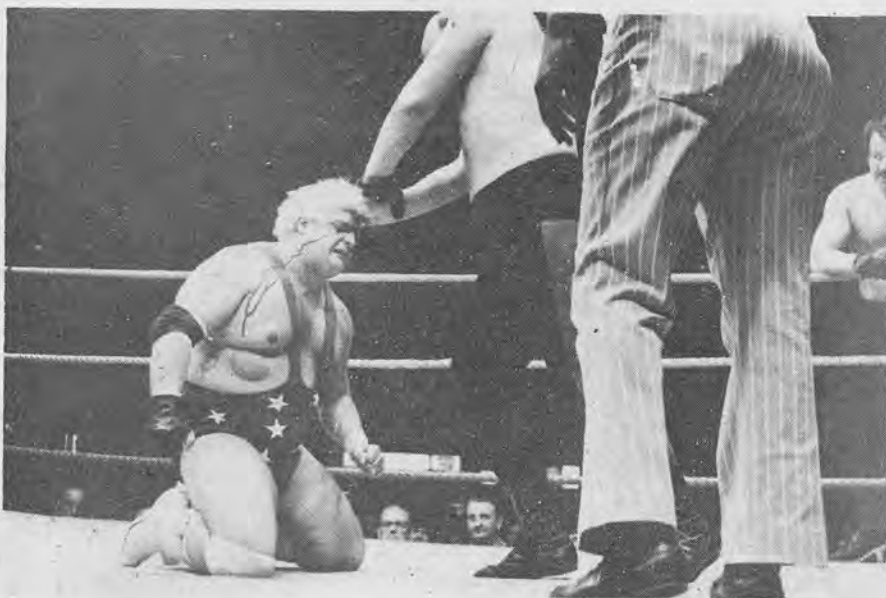
Above: Using his loaded glove to cruel advantage, Hoffman has Rhodes writhing in a clawhold! Dusty's screams of agony could be heard throughout the arena! Below: Hoffman is pounded by a loaded glove roundhouse right!



over two minutes. In fact, it took almost 30 minutes for the battle to work its way to a bloody conclusion.

The match began on a strange note. Graham and Rhodes hid their gloves from view at first. Then they took them from their trunks, confounding their opponents.

Once each man was armed, the battle began in earnest. First, Rhodes



Above: Blood streaming down his face and body, Dusty is sent to his knees by a Von Raschke clawhold late in the wild bout. Left: An agonized Baron flees to the corner after Dusty's loaded fist smashed the German in the stomach. It takes great courage for the injured grappler to continue.

and Hoffman were the combatants. Fists blew with incredible speed. Each man reeled across the canvas. Then Rhodes resorted to wrestling tactics, using a flying mare on his opponent.

Von Raschke rushed to his partner's aid, sending a hard right to Rhodes' face. The first blood of the evening was drawn and Dusty, bleeding profusely, staggered to his corner. Graham leaped out at Von Raschke and the loaded glove found its target. Now each team had a bleeding partner.

That seemed to be the signal for all hell to break loose. All four absorbed a tremendous amount of punishment as loaded fists flew into faces. Von Raschke was so weakened by this beating that Dusty was able to escape from Baron's clawhold, something

unheard of at any other time!

Finally, the referee felt obligated to put a halt to the brawl. Both teams were too bloody to continue. Though none of the four wanted to stop, the doctor at ringside commanded they cease. He would put more than 250 stitches into the faces of the four men.

"This isn't good enough," Rhodes said after he'd been attended to by the physician. "Billy and I want them again. And this time there'll be no stopping. I don't care how badly anybody is hurt. I want a conclusion!"

Promoter Luce is anxious to schedule another match. However, he has to wait until all four men are sufficiently healed.

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TERRY FUNK

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past decency. He picked up a ring-side chair and started banging it over Jones' head.

Referee Anthony wouldn't stand for this. He attempted to prevent the slaughter. But Terry Funk was just too strong for him.

Funk paused from his beating of Jones long enough to attack referee Anthony! Terry opened a gaping wound on Lou's forehead. It wasn't long before Anthony, too, slipped off into unconsciousness.

Funk returned to his beating of Jones, but this time he didn't keep it up. Terry sensed the anger of the crowd and decided to leave the arena with haste.

Later, back in the dressing room, a badly bleeding Lou Anthony was stitched by Dr. Bernhart Schwartz. Through bloody lips he muttered, "Let those damn Funks stay the hell out of California and where they belong—deep in the heart of Texas!"

When cornered in the dressing

room, Funk was agitated.

"Did you see that?" he asked. "That Jones came at me with a foreign object, and to make it worse, when I was only trying to defend myself, the referee came after me!"

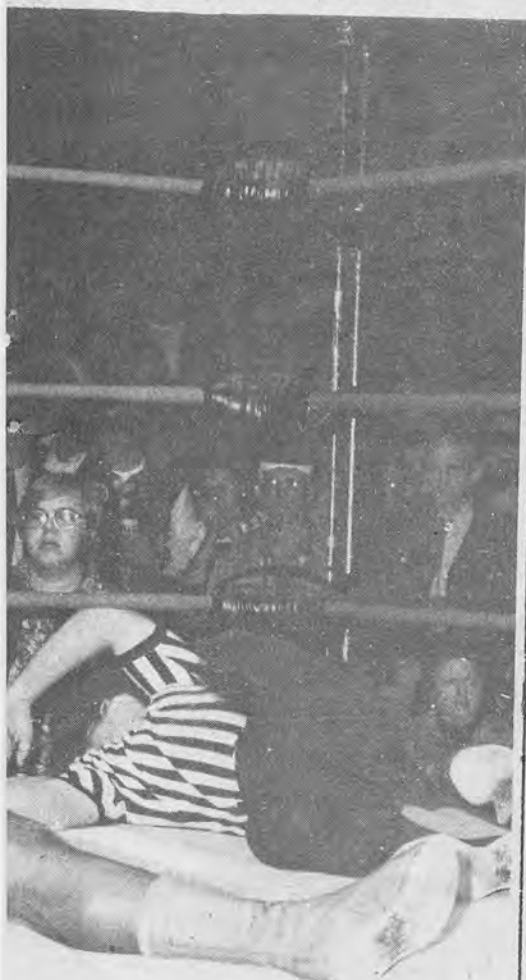
"That's why I can't stand wrestling out here. Not only do you have to beat your opponent, not only do you have to watch out for the weird fans, but you've got to keep an eye on the referee as well!"

"You know, I think the California sun has baked the brains of the people out here. You ask me why I'm different when I get here? The answer is I'm not. I'm the same Terry Funk I always am. But the nuts and weirdos who live out here hate me—and they're even got the referees working for 'em! I don't believe it."

Funk, who is a student of the history of the American West, has a theory about the people in California.

"Most of the people out here are

Funk shouts with joy after he wielded a chair to knock S.D. Jones and the referee out!



the descendents of the miners who came in the gold rush, or they moved here from the east or midwest. That means they couldn't make it where they were.

"Look at the gold miners. They weren't decent, hard working folks. They were crooks, thieves and get-rich-quick artists. When most of 'em left their hometowns to come here their hometowns said 'good riddance'!

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